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Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

SENATOR CONWAY PRESIDING

SENATOR CONWAY: We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: Debate is ceased. We'll turn to Senator Schellpeper for closing.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for a call of the house while I'm closing, to have them check in, senators check in, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: The house is under call. The house is under call. Would all members who are unexcused, please return to the Chamber and check in. House is under call. Senator Schellpeper, would you like to begin?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. Once again, this amendment is a \$500,000 a year cut. The other amendment that we proposed was a 5 percent cut. This is an 11 percent cut. Senator Landis said it's a \$9 million cut, and that's what it is, really. You look at the program that's in place, it's a \$9 million cut. But what we're attempting to do here is to take \$500,000 every year out of the MIRF program. I think when you look at the budgets of the other entities, no one else is being asked to cut 11 percent of their capital construction budget. This is a big cut for anyone. It's a big cut for the large cities. It's a big cut for the small cities because it's a fair program. You get money according to your population, so that's why it's fair across the whole state.