

their presence. Unauthorized parties, leave the floor. Question is, shall debate cease, for those who are coming in. Senator Wesely has authorized call-in votes.

CLERK: Senator Matzke voting yes. Senator Pirsch voting yes. Senator Schrock voting yes. Senator Bromm voting yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Pecord, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. On the motion to advance, Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on the motion to advance.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just to remind you what's in the bill now. We have gutted it of all funding provisions. And what is in the bill are simply a series of technical amendments to make the bill the best that we can make it, and I hope we will do that, if for no other reason than to protect the reputation of the Legislature in the sense of doing the very best job we can do to make something work once we put it in place. The...as this bill goes to Select File I must say honestly with you I will make one more attempt to put a funding provision in. But I will not draw out the debate beyond Select File. I will not bring it back from Final Reading to attempt to put a funding provision on it, et cetera, et cetera. We'll try this on Select and see if the thinking of people has crystallized by that time. So we'll try a funding provision, and certainly in addition to that, with respect to a number of the comments I've heard today from a number of different people, we'll take a look at a number of the substantive provisions that seem to be of concern to people. It's...again, I want to stress the originality of the solution which is being promoted in terms of campaign finance expenditures. I think that we have hit upon a solution that will be a model for the nation, if it works. And we need to see if it works, we really need to see if it works, I think it will, and I think it will have a very positive impact. Senator Chambers is probably right, probably some of the people that aren't here today are not here because they had trouble coming to grips with this bill. For those of you who are here, whether you be friend or foe to this bill, let me say that I respect and appreciate the fact that you are here to discuss it. With that, I'd ask for the advancement to Select File and hopefully look forward to an intelligent debate on it,