

the Governor to allow other programs to slide through, they should view very carefully any bill such as this, which is unnecessary, which does not even constitute good bill-making by our sometimes sloppy standards. Consider whether or not it ought to be added into the pot because if the Governor was properly or correctly quoted in things I read in the paper, he is going to let ethanol go through, but he is going to find other programs to cut. And we all know the difficulty that sometimes individual projects...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...have in garnering enough votes to override the Governor's veto. So everyone of these kind of nonessentials that is put into the pot, the more likely it is that something which is deemed essential will be taken out. I do believe that this bill is being supported only as a boon to Senator Jones. The only reason Senator Jones brought it is because two of his neighbors were battling. This bill will not touch that. Sometimes I feel like I'm not in the Twilight Zone, or exactly one step beyond, but I don't feel like we are connected to reality. We'll sit here, want people to take us seriously, then talk about passing a bill that doesn't even touch the problem that brought it to us, that, in fact, cannot touch that problem, but can create...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...an untold amount of expense for state agencies.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. There has been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.