

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...well the situation we are in today. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Is there anyone else wishing to speak to the motion to advance to E & R Initial? Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, as much as I would like to recognize you, you well know that you have spoken three times and you can't speak any more.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is why I paused, but since you asked if anyone "wished" to speak, I wanted to comply.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek, your light is on.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Call the question.

SENATOR HALL: Call the question. Do I see four hands other than Senator Schimek's to cease debate? I do. Question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on whether or not to cease debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Debate does not cease but there are no other lights. Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I'll be very brief. I know it is a difficult issue for some of you, and I understand that. I could describe the different emotions that the Appropriations Committee has undergone in the last three weeks. To clarify the record a little bit, this was related to us about the first of February in a letter stating that there would be this need, but the seriousness of it was not understood until, as I said, three weeks ago. It is...some of you have spoken to this, why it can't go through the regular process. We assumed at that time that it would. We did not understand that it was going to be necessary until about three weeks ago that we have this immediate action for the spending authority. I will emphasize that once again, it is not the General Fund, those