

going down because I don't think we'll ever reach that kind of balance in the fund.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I wanted to comment in that I've heard some resistance to raising that. I concur with that, but what you are doing by raising the fund will probably keep it on longer if not indefinitely, I understand that and accept that because I do think we have to move through this and, even though you may be fixing this problem now, the backlog will continue because we have those out. Even under the new risk assessment approach it might moderate the needs, but we will still have to continue to work hard at this. Is all that generally accurate?

SENATOR BROMM: I think that's very accurate.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right. Thank you. I support your amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Madam President, members of the body, I, too, just want to join the chorus and thank Senator Bromm and the Natural Resources Committee in their effort. There were a lot of hours that went into this. It's a good bill that needed attention and so I'd just urge its passage. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator...debate ceases. Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close on your amendment. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Bromm amendment to the committee amendments on LB 1226. All in favor vote aye, opposed no.