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the...forget that kind of argument. What we have to do now is to look forward to the policy that we need to define...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...for the future in this area, and, quite frankly, I am not sure if Senator Chambers' amendment helps or hurts that, but I do know that the...the specific problem we have to deal with is those contracts in place, and those contracts that have yet to be.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brown. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease on the pending Chambers amendment to the amendment? All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, early on, after I had explained my amendment, I pointed out that I had nothing further to say once Senator Hillman and Senator Bromm had seen what I was offering and was in agree...were in agreement. Here's what I hope we will do on this bill. This amendment that I'm offering just states what the purpose of the bill is, this amendment. When you have a number of people working together to consolidate various ideas into a single amendment, sometimes a reference that would have been appropriate had all these parts not been put together no longer is appropriate once they are. So I am asking that you adopt this amendment, then we can continue to work our way through the bill and deal with the philosophy of it. What Senator Wickersham had pointed out earlier helped have bearing, and in order not to confuse the issue or make you think this amendment is saying more than what it does, I am not going to make any comments about the existing contract or the inappropriateness, in my opinion, of the process by which it came into being. What I am saying is that the way the amendment is drafted now, with the thought expressed in Section 3 and the thought expressed in Section 4, the reference to Section 4 that I am striking ought to be done. That language does not make an