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Senator Dwite Pedersen. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The motion before us is to cease debate. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. The motion is to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 15 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion to cease debate fails. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, just a few more follow-up questions, and I will try not to take a whole lot more time, but I understand what you're saying about the penetration rate, and we can get additional information on that, I assume, before Select File. The other thing that I wanted to understand more clearly is the subsidy system that is being put in place, and where the money comes from, and where the money goes in terms of what ratepayers, where. I assume it is all ratepayers...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...are putting in this 5 percent and then how much of it, if we consider that there are two major programs, one of them is the Lifeline program, how much of the state subsidy...I understand there is some federal money, too, but how much of the state subsidy is going to how many Lifeline residents, that is those who don't have enough income to pay for a tele...for basic telephone service? And how much of that fund then will go to the other major subsidy, which is to those who essentially live in areas that are so sparse as to be difficult, expensive to serve? How many of those are there and how much of the fund goes there? And the relative amount to Lifeline?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay, I am going to start with what I believe to be the easier question first, and that's the Lifeline. How much state money goes to Lifeline? At the present time, we're not putting any state money into Lifeline. That is a federally funded program. I think a full 5.25 is there but we could, we are not yet, we could choose to put some state money into that, and then the federal government will match that, and I think basically you could double the size of that for people.