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the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Byars, you're recognized to speak on the amendment.

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Cudaback, I would respectfully call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? The question before us is, shall debate cease on the Chambers' amendment to the second component of the committee amendments? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Chambers' amendment is adopted to the second component of the committee amendment. I take that back, we just ceased debate. My mistake, first mistake. Debate has ceased. Senator Chambers, to close on your amendment. Sorry about that, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, you were trying. And I've often said in the past, when they made a vote to cease debate, that I would accept that as a vote on my particular amendment. Maybe I can get those votes again. Senator Bromm, I assure you that my intent in offering this amendment is not to give anybody a reason to vote against the bill. That might be their reasoning but, as I've said before, even in dealing with people who drink, I want there to be a consistency and equity in the law, and this amendment simply treats all vehicles and their passengers the same. It would make it illegal to have open liquor containers in any of these vehicles, whether private or contracted. I've looked at the remainder of this component and, if this amendment that I'm offering is adopted, we're talking again about the open containers, there might be other issues that others have. But at this time I would not raise any of those that might be questions in my mind, because if they were serious enough, I would offer an amendment. This amendment that I'm offering is the only one that I intend to offer to this element of the divided committee amendments. And I will ask for a call of the house and a machine vote, after they get here.