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the fire, adds to the danger, and for some of our citizens, sends them to prison. I don't want to lead any of my friends into that trap. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: I call the question.

SPEAKER BROMM: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Yes, I do. The matter before us then, colleagues, is whether or not we shall cease debate. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on FA1223.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is serious. I'm as serious about this amendment as those are who brought the bill. Some people are sensitive because they don't want the bill to be called what it is. Dr. Johnson and I were talking, and he was pointing out to me the massive number of people who are killed by firearms. Nobody challenges those types of statistics. I sent around another article, for the benefit of Senator Combs and others who might be wondering, to show that if you're looking at statistics, you cannot go by what this John Lott put out, because he is the savior of all those who have been pushing for this kind of thing for so long. But as one of the tail-end sentences in that article says, those who are trying to get these kind of bills would be wise not to quote John Lott anymore. He has been dishonest. And fortunately, my colleagues on the floor can be informed when they're given the material, because nobody has invoked the name of John Lott to prove anything. But had I not presented that evidence, John Lott's name would have been trumpeted on this floor, just like it has been in the past. And I have never had any regard for the work that the man did. He gained financially from it. I had heard that he even did some consulting work for some gun manufacturers. Now, if he did or didn't, he can do whatever he