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here. So I think that now is the important time to start making this change, but I...I feel that we need to give this additional time for the implementation of Senator Dwite Pedersen's proposal. I think that we have to bear in mind the families and so forth of the employees there, to allow people to have an opportunity to readjust their circumstances. But I feel more comfortable now with this proposal, with the additional time. I think we're stepping in the right direction. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Call the question on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on FA1357, offered by Senator Don Pederson to AM1778, offered by Senator Dwite Pedersen? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question has been called. We're voting on ceasing debate on the Don Pederson amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Don Pederson, you're recognized to close on FA1357.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: (Microphone malfunction) Can you hear me now? Can you hear me? I sound like a Verizon commercial.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Can you hear me now? Anyway, what I'd like to say is that I think we've had a good discussion about this. I think that people have actually now realized the importance of stepping forward and making a change. I think it's...I've heard some very good, positive comments about how we are taking a position as a Legislature in moving forward with things that we need to do, and I think that it would be very helpful if we would go forward with my amendment to Senator Dwite Pedersen's amendment. And I would ask for a call of the