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language might be general, but that doesn't mean it should be confusing and indefinite in the way this is. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Question.

SPEAKER BROMM: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. All in favor of the...calling the question please vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on calling the question. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. I recognize Senator Landis to close on AM3376.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers said, you know, a lot of the constitutional language had predecessor language which is given great weight by a court in interpretation. That doesn't mean the same thing that they're defined in the constitution. And in fact, he said there were plenty of places, in fact there are multiple definitions that are used. Senator Chambers cannot tell you that there is a lot of definitional language in the constitution. It is for the nature for a court to do, by the way. They do draw from many sources, and there isn't anything that's cut crystal clear, and Senator Chambers' characterization is mistaken if he says to you that the terms in these have a self-evident history. I ask you if the freedom of speech has a self-evident, clear body of rules, to the point that our Supreme Court is not still taking up cases and refining it 200 years later? We constantly refine the definition of these kinds of terms. It's what a court does. And so that while there are many definitions, it seems to me that there is...we are not giving the court any greater responsibility in interpreting this language than any other. Look, my goal here is to make sure that I say what I mean and I mean what I say. My goal is to make sure that this money went to the environment. That's what I think we said to the public when we sent them to the polls and