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Thank you. Senator Beutler, Senator Brashear. Senator Brashear, Senator Burling, the house is under call. Senator Burling and Senator Brashear. Senator Engel, did you wish to have a roll call, or did you wish to accept call-ins? Senator Engel has authorized call-ins on the motion to cease debate. We're still on the motion to cease debate. And he has authorized call-ins. We have lost the machine vote that we had, so we must go to a roll call vote. Did you wish to wait for Senator Burling, Senator Engel? He is present. All members present or accounted for. Mr. Clerk, call the roll on the question, please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 997-998.) 37 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does cease. And I do raise the call. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LR 12CA. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I will be brief. Senator Landis, I think you said there's no way that we can know for sure what voters will support. And I agree with you. And that is why I think it's important to have discussion on the floor at every stage of debate on this, if necessary. I don't agree with you, maybe, that this may be too much for the voters to bear. I don't know if you recall or not, but I was just reminded that Senator Maxwell had a bill last year that would have kicked it up to \$60,000 a year. And I think this may be a very modest proposal in comparison. But maybe that's not fair either. I hear all the arguments about the comp plan, and I hear the arguments about some kind of automatic indexing. And I believe that the Executive Board sincerely looked at all those issues, because there were bills like that before them. And I'm not necessarily opposed to those. Again, I think, going back to what Senator Landis said, we have to try to ascertain what will be realistic. I would hope that if we are able to put a salary increase on the ballot, and it is successful, that maybe we could talk about some of these other ideas at a later date. Meanwhile, I would just like