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Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President.   I'd respectfully
call for the question.

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   the Byars amendment, AM1440, to the
committee amendments? All in favor vote aye; all opposed, nay.
The question before the body is, shall debate cease?   Have   you
all voted on the question who care to?   Record please,
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful.   Debate does
cease.   Senator   Byars,   you're recognized to close on AM1440.
Sorry about that.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and Matt for turning
on the mike.   We've had, I think, plenty of dialogue, and I
think   everyone   knows,   has   enough   information to make   an
objective decision.   And I certainly didn't ever intend when we
brought   this   amendment   to the floor that it would be one that
should take up hours and hours and days of debate, although I do
feel that I certainly would be up to that and I feel the issue
is important enough to have important dialogue.   But we do have
some differences of opinion.   I certainly respect what Senator
Beutler said   and am in support of what he said.   I have been a
very strong advocate of trying to get the department to do a
plan: where are we, where have we been, where are we going.   We
are finally under the direction of Ms. Montanez and Rene
Ferdinand, who is head of the DD division now, moving forward on
that plan, because all of those issues that he brought up need
to be addressed.   They do affect us and are a good reason why
you should support this amendment, because one of the things
that we found consistently is the fact that without...with a
staff that turns over so regularly, it's impossible to have the
kind of adequate training that you need.   You need people that
you train that can stay awhile and that start to understand the
system.   They are able to accept supervision better and are