

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. The raising of the motion is not counted as the opportunity to speak?

SENATOR HALL: No. He raised the motion. I let you respond and then you were given an opportunity to speak. The question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Debate has ceased. Senator Beutler, to close on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, this particular amendment references Section 32 of the statutes in the 1600 series. It changes one of the campaign finance provisions. By all of the rules that we have used in the past, being in the same section of statutes, having some part of the amendment that is in the same section of the statutes has always, I can't say always because we've never been entirely consistent on these things, but has generally speaking rendered something relevant. And I think if you just asked yourself in your own minds, are they trying to go beyond the concept of campaign finance reform in the overall concept of what we're dealing with or are they trying to deal with it in the context of this day and in the context of this year and in the context of everything that is going on in our society? Isn't this the right thing to be dealing with at this point in time? I mean our image is hurting out there. A number of things that have happened this session have been misunderstood. We need to pull ourselves together and to give the public some firm signs that, yes, we are continuing to move in the direction that they believe and I believe and I think we believe is the right direction to move. But we can't just flounder around on this bill. We need to make constructive, solid gains, put together another piece, put in there another building block, move ahead and that's not what is happening here. What's happening here is procedurally we're being hung up and if you want to stick to procedure now, if you don't want to face the issue, you can vote to uphold the Chair but this is not a big procedural vote. This is six of one, half a dozen of another. And I just ask you to face the issue. Senator Schellpeper says why keno? Well let's talk about it. Let's talk about what else. Cigarettes? Another form of gambling? General sales or income tax? We've committed ourselves to campaign finance reform. The public expects it of