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elementary kids bringing alcoholic beverages into the schools, I don't believe prohibition was a failure. I don't think we will change many opinions by what I say or what the rest of us say, in fact, I sometimes wonder how many votes we do change by our rhetoric. I am not going to speak on this again but I would just say that I will oppose any amendment and the bill itself. I still think it is a blankety-blank way to run a railroad.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I will oppose LB 336, but I will admit I am scared to death that it may pass and because I am afraid it may pass, I at least want the dollars to go to property tax relief via the schools. This will give property tax relief. I will not vote for the bill, but I certainly will vote for this amendment for the simple reason if the bill would pass, at least I would feel better than I would otherwise. I will oppose LB 336 on moral issues, on moral grounds, and I hope that there are enough of us who will vote no on the bill. But in case it would pass, at least accept this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vickers, do you wish to close, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, first of all I appreciate all the help that I have got from all the people who spoke on this issue. Senator Marsh, at least, was on my side. I guess that is probably indicative of the strength that this proposal has. But let me say, first of all, to set the record straight, that I do not intend to vote for LB 336, and in spite of what Senator Chambers said, I am not trying to get some dirty money to the schools. What I am trying to do is, as Senator Marsh put it, if this bill passes, and if it is the will of this body that we provide property tax relief with these funds that are generated, then it seems to me that we should apply that to the state aid to education formula so that it is really property tax relief. Now Senator Newell and Senator Hefner spoke