

Legislature that would provide property tax relief. And so far we have advanced three of them, to my knowledge anyway. The first one was Senator Johnson's bill. That would provide a \$15,000 homestead exemption. The second one was Senator Lamb's bill that we would provide a rebate and just a couple weeks ago we advanced Senator Remmers' bill to provide extra state aid to schools. And so I am hoping that we can leave all of these on General File until we decide which way to go. And so, therefore, I would urge you to raise LB 38. Senator Wesely talked about this would be providing a large portion or a large part of property tax relief to the large property owners. Well, Senator Wesely, if you are listening, I think we are doing that when we provide state aid to schools because the large property owners get a break in their property taxes when we increase that state aid to schools because we don't have a cap on it. LB 38 does have a cap on it. At the present time it has a cap, I believe, of \$1,000. And we also have a proposal if we can bring this bill back, we have a proposal and I am one of the co-sponsors to put that cap at 800. So I think we are trying to take care of the smaller property owners and provide them with having to pay so much property tax. And so, therefore, I think you should consider these things this morning and vote to bring this bill back.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck is next, but may I introduce some guests in the south balcony of Senator Scofield and Senator Baack. There are 43 third through eighth grade students from the Broadwater and Angora District #41 at Chadron. And these students are all from the Panhandle and we are glad to have you with us. Roger Berry is the coordinator. Marilyn Clouse is the teacher of District 128 at Broadwater. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: 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. Please vote if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has not ceased. Senator Vard