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to. History is making us face up to those things and this is an option that they need. Again, I strongly support the amended bill and I urge its advancement. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Harris. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. I'll put the question to you. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall the debate cease on the motion to advance LB 890? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Motion to cease debate. Please record your vote, aye or nay. The motion is to cease debate on the advancement of LB 890. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The debate is closed. Senator Sieck, you may use your five minutes however you wish.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I won't take the full five minutes. I think everybody understands the bill. Now, as I understand, the way the bill reads now it will allow those cities who have a one cent sales tax to increase it a half a cent by the vote of the people and if they do that, they will not be able to use that same bill to have a special project area. And those cities who do not have a sales tax that want to increase their sales tax by a certain project that they want to get financed, that will be covered. Now, this year we voted on a mass transit bill for the City of Omaha to help their...or to increase their property tax. So we are still helping cities. We're still helping Omaha and I want all of you to recognize that because the need was there. Why did we do it? We did it because we realized there were a lot of elderly people in Omaha that needed this transportation and when we had the hearing in the Revenue Committee it was understood that they would try to work with the city and use some of the sales tax money that they had before. So again, I want to emphasize the need for these cities if they are going to meet the needs of their people, they are going to have to have this tool and I would encourage you to support