

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. Speaker, members, I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Do I see five hands? I do. Senator Langford moves the previous question. Those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate is ceased. Senator Higgins, would you care to close on your motion.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate all the debate that has gone on this afternoon not only on this motion but on the previous motions. I think everybody, like myself, is sincere in what they say and in what they believe. In regards to the implement dealers that need this tax exemption, and how many people they employ, I was always told that farmers learn to take their farm implements apart and take the parts into town and order them, then they go back in and they put that broken part back into the tractor. I wonder how many people an implement dealer does actually employ, five, six, seven, maybe a salesman, maybe a couple of repairmen, \$8 million worth? I doubt it. But I wonder how many implement manufacturers have their corporation headquarters in Imperial, Nebraska or in Hastings, or Grand Island, or Burwell, or Norfolk, Fairbury. Does the money stay in that community? Does that 50,000 or 75,000 dollars that the farmer spends for a tractor stay there? You better believe it doesn't. I bet if you ask the bankers they'd say, no, they deposit it in the bank, take their commission out and mail the funds back to the manufacturer to pay for the equipment that he's probably floor-planned, he's borrowed the money. So I don't know how the farmer, as Senator Haberman says, is going to spend the money in the community. He spends it with the implement dealer who sends it back to New York, Chicago, California, wherever it is made, maybe to Japan. But it sure doesn't stay in Imperial, Nebraska, not the bulk of it. Senator Rod Johnson said if we bracket this bill we may have to bracket all these other little bills that are tied around it. What is so bad about that? What is bad about letting some of these bills sit until we find out the full impact of the appropriations for them? I repeat again, this is economic blackmail that we are being subjected to. The Omaha World-Herald, daily writes stories about companies that are threatening, alleging to leave the great State of Nebraska. Isn't it odd that they keep writing all these stories day after