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question, vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate. We are voting on ceasing debate on AM2992 to LB 171. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, no nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Janssen, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. In closing, I'd just like to say that the...that in the state of Mississippi there was a case that said that it defied federal law by imposing sales tax on postage. And this was changed in Nebraska in 1985 to include transportation, to include postage as transportation. Then we should charge sales tax on all postage. We've had a good discussion. And rather than belabor the body any further, I would respectfully ask to have the amendment withdrawn.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler, I'm back to your AM2906, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 1136.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the particular amendment in front of you would simply reduce the refund from 100 percent to 50 percent. It would reduce it by one-half. And, frankly, I have some mixed feelings about it. First of all, I don't think Senator Kristensen accepts that. And, of course, the obvious political dilemma here is if you don't like the bill do you offer an amendment that might be acceptable or do you take a roll of the dice and from my perspective worry about whether 25 of you might vote for the whole thing? And I think Senator Kristensen is giving this some thought from the other side of the table as to whether he takes a roll of the dice and hopes there are 25 votes there and nobody flakes off. So this is one of those situations where nobody knows quite for sure where things will fall. But the amendment is simple. I'm one of those that happens to think that a