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opposed vote no. The question is on the issue of ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for purposes of closing on his amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers and I are in total agreement on one thing. I am opposed to taxes. I am opposed to sales taxes. I am opposed to income taxes. I am opposed to property taxes. I am opposed to indirect taxes. I am opposed to federal income taxes. I am just opposed to every kind of tax there is and, by golly, I can scream and holler and act as eloquent as anybody else being opposed to taxes. Now, Senator Chambers, can we show the same enthusiasm in being opposed to spending, in being opposed to spending? Can we say, forget those chuckholes in Omaha. I only hit them about three or four times a year when I come through. I think you probably hit them every day. Forget those people in Omaha on subjects of welfare, public housing, eight thousand other things, police, firemen. Can we forget all these? Let us live in the real world and the real world is that we have created a society which has a system of government which provides certain services. Now contrary to what was alleged on this floor there was information gathered and a poll taken as to whether the people of Omaha would prefer cutting services or extending this half cent sales tax which applies across the board to everybody and the people in the polls indicated strongly they supported the extension rather than the cutting of services. Now about the argument, aw heck, that is Omaha over there. It don't mean nothing to you, John DeCamp. It don't mean nothing to you, Bobby Clark. You guys don't live in Omaha. Well, it does. Omaha is an integral part of this state. It is our major metropolitan center. It is our major supplier of wholesale goods, our distribution center for the rest of the state. You can no more say Omaha is separated from Neligh than you can say government here in Nebraska, you 49 legislators, have no involvement with the government in Washington. Omaha is part and parcel of a package for which we all have an obligation and a concern, and for that reason, when I was asked by my friends from Omaha to at least offer the proposal to you, I agreed and that is all I am doing today is offering it for your acceptance or rejection with the understanding,