

to encourage people and this should be earmarked for that purpose, to encourage tourism, to encourage conventions, to encourage people into the state and when they come to the state they do spend money. This will benefit the shopkeepers. This will benefit everybody, and I am opposed to the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I move the previous question since we are all enlightened.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion now is to...the motion is, shall debate cease once again? I am waiting for any objections. Okay, the motion is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 11 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. Debate ceases and, Senator Dworak, you may close on your amendment.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Mr. President, and I thank all of you people who voted to extend debate on this important issue. I appreciate that, and I think the citizens of Nebraska appreciate that. I think the debate was very interesting. You know, Senator DeCamp mentioned that we can solve this road fund by putting the state into debt. Now Nebraska has a tradition of not going into debt. Whether that is right or wrong is not debated here at this point, but the point is that there are these kind of hard decisions that are going to have to be faced by this Legislature as to whether we are going to change that provision to allow indebtedness in the state to take care of this road problem. We have got a terrific shortage of funds, a terrific shortage of funds that are going to have to be made up and we are going to have to find other sources. So before we real loosely peel away part of the state tax base, I think we had better consider very seriously what we are doing. I was kind of amused at Senator Martin Kahle's comments on the property tax burdens for the motel business. I would suggest that that burden is just as acute for the retired school teacher who is asking now to have their retirement funds increased, also asking to have homestead exemptions increased, which is tax dollars. Where are those tax dollars going to come from? I again urge you before we frivolously dole out more tax dollars to local subdivisions