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onto a national figure of some sort and I am not ready to go this way.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Newell amendment to the Beutler amendment. All those in favor of that amendment vote aye, opposed no. Okay, the Chair is in error. Senator Newell, I am sorry. Would you like to close on your amendment? You close on your amendment and then we will adjourn for the day. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Since we are in the middle of a vote it will be a strong close. The purpose here again is to deal with some of these great objections we have had from people who are very fearful of the concept of indexing. We will not be basically indexing but we will be basically asking the State Board of Equalization as we do in many other cases to determine an appropriate dollar amount based on some criteria that we give the State Board of Equalization. That criteria is that we use the median income from median income levels to projected cost of food for a family of four divided by four, come up with that dollar amount, the State Board of Equalization to the closest dollar then sets the figure for the credit and that is what this proposal does. It gives the State Board of Equalization the same powers that we presently give to the State Board of Equalization on tax setting authority and with that in mind we get to where we always said we wanted to be and that is reimbursing the average or the median family, the average family in the State of Nebraska. We get to reimbursing them what we have always said we intended to reimburse them. Now we allow that to grow or we allow those calculations to be made by the State Board of Equalization. Instead of always being \$5 and \$6 and sometimes \$10 behind, we are going to keep up with what we have always said we wanted to do. Since we don't want to eliminate the sales tax on food, this is a test to find out whether people are really interested in doing what we have always argued that we wanted to do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is on the Newell amendment to the Beutler amendment. This will be the last vote on this we will take today. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Newell amendment to the Beutler amendment. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Newell. I am going to call the vote. Okay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion fails. The legislative bill 44 will retain its position on Select File and we will complete the debate tomorrow. Is there any messages on the Clerk's desk?

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