

you will check historically, that is really when things shape up on appropriations bills. So I wonder if we wouldn't all be better served, if you really are serious about any of these amendments, wouldn't we all better be served by getting the bill on so that when you do offer your amendment you have a legitimate chance of getting something done because there ain't anything about to happen on these appropriations bills in terms of a major change at this time. In fact, we will probably give the \$7,500 back to chase UFOs before we are done but my point is very simple. I think we ought to really get on to the other things and let these go and try our amendments on Final because you know they are going to be offered there, a number of them and I think a lot of things will be much more clear by that time as to what can and can't be done, where we shape up on personal property, what we are going to have available for gas tax, where we are on a lot of these things.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel. Question? All right, do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease on the Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on shall debate cease on the Vickers amendment. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Vickers, you may close.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and fellow members, Senator DeCamp thinks that we are holding things up here. I think that we are dealing with something that is of major importance to the people of the State of Nebraska. I don't think we need to wait until we discuss gas tax. I don't think we need to wait until we discuss the revenue bills this afternoon because I think what we are discussing here right now is an entirely different subject. What we are discussing this morning is whether or not we are really serious about helping the property taxpayer in the State of Nebraska. I don't know whether any of us in here can truthfully say that there is definitely a correlation between property tax, the ability to own property and the education of our children. I don't personally think that there is. There is a correlation, however, between owning property and funding the cities, the counties, NRDs and various other things that, in fact, do benefit that property. As I indicated earlier we have all sworn to uphold the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. The Constitution says that it is our responsibility to educate the children of this state. It is