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SENATOR HABERMAN: I have a question on the committee amendments. Senator Reutzel, as I understand it, in the original bill there was a five year limit. Do the committee amendments take the five year limit out?

SENATOR REUTZEL: The committee amendments do take that out and they leave it up to the implementing legislation which we will pass if this is passed by the voters which we would have to come back and define what is eligible and put a period of time in. The reason the number was taken out is because there is many numbers such as forty eight hundred for example, which becomes part of a Constitution, then you have some serious problems ever changing that. So we felt if it was statutory then the five years could be made seven years or could be made three years, whatever is deemed appropriate by the Legislature through statutes and not the Constitution.

SENATOR HABERMAN: In other words, if I understand it correctly, they get the tax break forever.

SENATOR REUTZEL: No, no. The constitutional amendment by itself only allows this Legislature to statutorily come back at a later time, presumably next year, and set up what is eligible and the time period. It only allows us to do that. The Constitution does not allow us to do that in this particular area right now. This only allows us to come back and do it statutorily.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kelly, your light is still on. Did you want to talk? Senator Koch. Senator Koch, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR KOCH: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: Do you want to call the question?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. On the committee amendments, Senator Reutzel.