

state will have to meet and decide what is proper, what is fair, what is right. If we don't do it, I am going to support anybody that goes across this state and tries to do something with property taxes because there is a thousand people in Sarpy County meeting once a week to find out what they can do about taxes and I am sitting down here and going to increase them. You have got to be thinking wrong if you think that that's right. The people of this state are fed up. They are fed up with sales tax. They are fed up with property tax. They are fed up with income tax. Either we meet and decide how we are going to do it or they are going to take it into their own hands and I will help them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Okay, Senator Vickers, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, very briefly, I would just like to echo some of the things that Senator Keyes was just saying. Inadvertently Senator Keyes was giving you a reason to vote for this. I agree with Senator Keyes. I think the property taxpayers are going to put a lid on the amount of funding that can be raised from the property taxes. They are fed up with it. I disagree, however, that the taxpayers are quite as fed up with sales/income tax. It is rather odd that a week ago I stood on this floor and said that I felt that people were ready to pay more sales and income tax in an effort to lower their property taxes. I have received several phone calls and several letters since that time and I can honestly tell you I received only one letter in opposition to that. Most people told me that they felt exactly the same way. If they made money, if they spent money, they really didn't mind having to pay for the functions of government but they disliked having to pay for functions of government, in particular education, simply because they either own property or had an interest in property. As far as the assessor is concerned, I own my farm, but as far as the banker is concerned, my equity in my farm is pretty small but I pay the taxes on it just the same whether it makes any money or whether it doesn't. If we are really interested in equality, then I think you should vote green on this amendment. Thank you.