

\$70,000,000 but to cap it at \$100,000,000. So I don't think it was ever so crystal clear, Senator Newell or Senator Dworak, that we were going to be satisfied forever with \$70,000,000. I think some of us believed that \$70,000,000 was inadequate at that point in time and I don't think there was any "deal" but let me talk about this particular escalator clause. Senator Dworak talks about how this escalator clause is irresponsible government. I disagree. I don't believe that county commissioners across this State of Nebraska are going to spend ninety cents to get a dime and I think they have a little more common sense than that. I think this escalator clause is realistic. I think it is right and I think it is absurd to say that this is going to lead to a tremendous drain in the state treasury because property taxes are high now and the county commissioners would have to be crazy to spend ninety cents to get a dime. It isn't going to happen that way. They are going to increase those property taxes when they need to increase those property taxes and probably because we have mandated another program on them. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I urge you to reject this harassing Newell amendment and the rest of them.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Members of the body, I call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I don't see five hands. I do now. The question before the body is to cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate on the Newell amendment? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Newell, do you wish to close?

SENATOR NEWELL: I do. I would like to take a moment to explain how serious this amendment is. I have said to those in the hall that are interested in 518 that if this amendment is passed, then I will try no other amendments and allow 882 to go on its merry way. I will oppose 882 but I will not try to clean it up or change it in any way after this happens. This is an important amendment. This amendment basically allows us to get back to what the Governor agreed to, what Senator Schmit and others