

SENATOR DECAMP: Call the question.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? One, two, three, four...the question has been called. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question has been called. Please vote.

CLERK: Senator Labeledz voting yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The motion has failed. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, once again I would ask that this amendment not be put on the bill. Other speakers have indicated today and previous days that there is a problem in agriculture and this bill does rebate the tax equitably between agriculture, business and the homeowner. Now some people say, well why not 712? Why not a homestead exemption? Every farmer out there, of course, also owns a house that's probably worth more than \$15,000 so he will get the full benefit of Senator Vard Johnson's bill. Not so, not so. Because as Senator Schmit pointed out, the farmer out there has to have a lot of property in order to make a living and because there is much valuation out in those areas, the mill levy is lower. The mill levy is lower so when you use a homestead exemption you reduce the tax by the amount of the exemption multiplied by the mill levy. So you are leaving the agricultural person out there still with that high property tax, that high property tax because of the very nature of the business. Now we have had a lot of talk in this session about the problems of agriculture, but it has not been translated into any legislation. It has not been translated into any legislation. This is the first opportunity to do that. This is the bill that will help agriculture along with the homeowner, along with the businessman. It's fair, it's equitable, it's the way to go. I ask you to defeat the DeCamp amendment and advance the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Before we go on to the next speaker, it is my extreme pleasure to be sitting up here and welcome a guest of Senator Smith under the north balcony. We all know