

go back to the old third and a third and a third idea. Number two, we are going to go 45 and 45, we think, but we don't know exactly how we are going to do it because if we all decide to go 65 across the country, who is going to enforce it? Not this Legislature. The first thing that is going to happen is we will renege ourselves, we will back down and I think Senator Vickers has stated time after time and many others, Senator Warner has been at it longer than any of the rest of us, trying to put state aid to the schools, but when it comes time to belly up to the bar and put the bucks there we don't do it. It is a lot easier to send the responsibility back to the local schools, local county treasurers and shift it around. I appreciate what Senator Landis has said. I know Senator Vickers is sincere when they say they are willing to start this process now and I think that is important. But that is another ball game and I intend to have my turn at bat there also. But in this instance, I would not support the Vard Johnson amendment at this time, nor...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me. Senator Beutler, then Senator DeCamp, then Senator Sieck.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, again the question you are being asked is whether or not to return LB 662 to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment being to alter the Schmit property tax amendment. The argumentation offered by Senator Schmit on behalf of retention of his amendment is, number one, retention preserves a concept that we have known as a third, a third, a third, because his amendment specifically uses the one-third property tax language. And the second argument that Senator Schmit has is that because his amendment focuses it on each individual school district it prohibits the fudging by each individual school district knowing that