

right now, Senator DeCamp, I'm going to support your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: I'd like to call the question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor say (sic) aye, opposed nay. Please vote. Question is ceasing debate. Please vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote, one way or the other, so we can move on. Anybody else that wishes to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp, you are recognized for closing on your amendment.

SENATOR DEKAMP: Mr. President, the amendment is a spur of the moment amendment, like a lot of them in here are. Sometimes those are the best ones. In this case I looked at the state increasing a tax significantly, and the tax comes directly from property, and it is based on the value of property, and Senator Johnson says, well, it is all the same. Yes. That is just the same as a uniform mill levy, which is what we should have on our school tax, a uniform mill levy. Exactly what this is. But my point is, if it is coming from property, why are we using property now to gain additional money for the state? Let the money go where it should have in the first place, at the county level, to reduce your local property taxes. It is coming from property, that original sales and income tax proposal had that as its intent, to keep property tax generated money, property generated money at the local level for local purposes, the schools and these things. With all the things we've done here the last few years to repudiate property tax relief, let's not do one more here by adding to property taxes. That is effectively what you are doing. You can call it a sales tax on property, or whatever, but bottom line, this is nothing more than additional property taxes. So at least let it go where it will do some good at the