

She said, my husband is retired and, of course, I stayed home all of my life and raised our children. And she said, taxes being what they are and utility bills, we can't afford to live here anymore and we have lived here for over thirty some years. And she was just brokenhearted. And for that reason I think that we ought to consider those people. They worked all their lives. They paid their taxes. They paid their way and they were the lowest paid. Otherwise, they wouldn't be low income today. They didn't climb that ladder of success. Many of them worked for a dollar an hour. I am not here begging for those people. I am here saying, these are the people that you and I look up to supposedly today, those self-reliant, independent people in their late sixties and seventies and eighties. They paid their dues and now we are going to take away what they worked all their life for. If we have a concern for anything, it should be for those who would, if they could, help themselves. That is why I am supporting LB 556 and I certainly hope that the rest of the body will put people in this place before anyone else because many of us, myself included, if I don't get a homestead exemption, I am 53 years old, I am still old enough to go out or young enough, I hope, to go out and get another job to do something to supplement my income. But those on Social Security are limited to how much they can supplement their income plus the fact, who will hire them? "Nobody wants you when you are old and gray." That is an old, old song. So I am asking you, please, there are so many other programs that we will be funding for people who are able to help themselves. We are not talking about raising taxes. We are talking about giving these people the right to live in the home they worked for so many years and they paid the taxes that gave you your education. They paid the taxes that put you where you are today and now they are in a position where they can't do anymore. So, please, I would ask you to vote to advance LB 556 notwithstanding the committee's action. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Labeledz, would