

that sale will be subject to sales tax. It has been exempted all through the years but with this bill it will also be included so we are treating everybody the same. So I do support the bill and I don't think it is anything that is degrading as far as raising the tax. Everybody will realize that they are paying it. We don't necessarily have to raise the sales tax to get that \$18 million. Now I didn't support that and I know all of you know that I did not because I don't believe in taking money out of one pocket and putting it in the other. I just can't accept that kind of thing and that is what we are doing with that, but since the body insists on having it, we have got to fund it and we must do it some way or another and I think this is the proper way. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: 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 on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vard Johnson, would you like to close please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is my pleasure to be able to offer you this afternoon LB 715 as we have amended it. I think that Senator Lamb has done an excellent job in indicating why a person ought not to vote for this bill stating that this bill simply adds more tax revenues that we can then spend. By the same token, Senator Sieck has done a superb job in indicating why we should vote for this bill indicating that this bill does not alter, affect, or change tax rates. It doesn't increase income tax rates, it doesn't increase sales tax rates, it simply expands the sales tax base so that we will have enough money to spend on the things we have already committed ourselves to spend money on, i.e., in particular the general homestead exemption. But even if we didn't have a general homestead exemption, even if we didn't have it, it is important for us to do the measure because it is important for us to make certain that we close as many