

been made. It hasn't, and until it has I'm not voting to give away the tax base.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute. Senator Miller, please.

SENATOR MILLER: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: 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. You're voting on ceasing debate. Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator John DeCamp, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I would like to reserve one minute of my time for Senator Labeledz. My closing I would like to address the arguments raised by Senator Johnson, Senator Schmit and Senator Landis. Pay as you go. Go ahead, show me a business, show me a business in the state that pays as you go more than this particular business. I'm not saying gambling is right, wrong, good, bad, wonderful or otherwise, it is a fact of life, it is an existing business. Then Senator Landis says wait and see what is going to happen with the competition. We have seen in the last several years new tracks have been approved, money has been approved, funding is being spent, they are being built, dog tracks, race tracks in various states, special tax incentives, the whole works. You don't have to look much further. They have finally reacted. They have discovered that if they don't do something to preserve their business they could, indeed, lose the business. Now Senator Johnson and Senator Landis may be going on the premise that the business can never be destroyed, you can never hurt them with taxes. You can go forever, but it is an unlimited bossie cow to be milked forever. Well, sometimes "Bossie" needs to be fed. The last guy in here that thought you could just keep taxing without ever recognizing the needs of business destroyed one entire industry in this state. I sat through it and we had to rebuild the industry. It was the small loan industry. You may not like small loan people, but because we refused to ever change the interest rates on them, and because when we did do it the Governor vetoed it at that time, we did destroy a business, a tax-paying