

up with something by then, but I support the two year extension. Hopefully things will be a lot better and we will certainly have a better picture of what the subdivisions are going to be doing, if they'll be tightening their belt, if they'll be agonizing as we are agonizing over their budgets and I support the extension of the two year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem and then...

SENATOR WITHEM: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question has been called. Do I see five seconding hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Shall the debate cease? Vote aye or nay. We're voting to cease debate on the Hoagland amendment to the Hall amendment. Please record your vote. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and, Senator Hoagland, you may close on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, let me brief because I think Senator Pirsch and Senator Beutler and others who have spoken in favor of this two year extension stated the issues well. Let me remind you where we are right now. Where we are right now in May of 1985 is that 70, 80, 90 percent, it's alleged, of the homeowners in the state have filed an application requesting a homestead exemption. Where we are right now in May of 1985 is that Douglas County has incurred \$150,000 or approximately in costs to process that homestead exemption. Where we are now is in a situation of declining revenues where there is utterly no chance that we are either going to raise taxes to fund it at \$18.3 million or take another \$18.3 million out of the budget. That is not going to happen. Now the problem with Senator Hall's amendment is 11 months from now we're going to be right back into the soup. We're going to be right back in an identical position. We're going to have 70 or 80 or 90 percent of the people that will have filed for a homestead exemption. Douglas County will have incurred \$150,000 in costs. We may be in another situation of declining revenues, declining tax receipts, another