

do I see five seconding hands? There are five speakers on the lights. I see five seconding hands so I will put the question to you. Shall the debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Motion is to cease debate on the Lamb amendment. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries and the debate is closed and I recognize Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, just a couple brief points. Senator Smith was chiding me and she's my good friend and I appreciate her chidings from time to time that I have a bill in here which would increase property taxes for a hospital in my district and I do, but I would point out that that bill calls for a vote of the people, not just the hospital board, that calls for a vote of the people. If the people in the district want to increase property taxes, then they can vote to do it. Now this bill does not have a vote of the people although it does take two-thirds of the members of the board. I did have a suggestion that perhaps this whole bill should require a vote of the people and the analogy is that many counties now with the reduced valuations of some farmland are approaching or up against the 50 cent per hundred dollar limit. Now what are those counties going to do? What are the counties going to do? They have one option. They can put it to a vote of the people or they can cut spending, two options I guess. So we're saying to the counties, you're going to have to cut spending or else you're going to have to bring it to the people. So I may very well have an amendment on Select File, if this bill advances, which would do that. But at this point I have a small amendment here which would try to avoid "creepyism" and I'd ask that it be adopted.

PRESIDENT: You are asked to now vote on the Lamb amendment. Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay, the so-called "creepyism" amendment. Please record your vote. The motion is to adopt Senator Lamb's amendment. Please record your vote. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I would ask for a call of the house.

PRESIDENT: A call of the house has been requested.