

to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The debate is closed. The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, it is not as though the urban cousins to the rurals do not have any understanding as to what is happening. We do understand what is happening to land valuations in rural Nebraska. I do understand that as those valuations decline, those vocational technical schools who are at their mill levy limits will naturally find their revenues declining because they can't go above their mill levy limits. I understand that. At this time, however, there is only one vocational technical school in this state at its mill levy limit and that's the Central Vocational Technical School which is at a 7 mill levy limit and the reason it's at its mill levy limit is because the Central Vocational Technical School does not have current authority for an overlevy of 4.2 mills. At this time there are only two vocational technical schools that have a overlevy authority. Those two vocational technical schools have exercised that overlevy authority, and in so exercising it, have yet to go the full spectrum of the overlevy authority. They have yet to go to 4.2 mills in overlevy authority. They haven't done it, but what they have done through this bill is they have said, even though we haven't yet gone even halfway to, even halfway to our current overlevy authority, we want even more overlevy authority. We want a 5 mill overlevy authority. We've got to have it. They haven't proved it. They have not proved that they have to have the 5 mill overlevy authority. With respect to the Central Vocational Technical School that currently is at the limit of its authority, it doesn't have overlevy authority, this bill would give it to it. It's at its 7 mill levying authority today. If, in fact, this body believes that that school should have the same power as Western Tech has and Mid-Plains have, then there is another bill that the Education Committee has advanced that extends the life of the overlevy authority until 1992. That bill can be used to provide special relief to the Central Vocational Technical School, but this bill, as Senator Lamb has so well pointed out, is an extraordinary high cost bill in those areas where