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SENATOR CARSTEN: Time is up.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...it could help. As I said, it may be more indirect than direct.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Johnson, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, very briefly. I think we've had a good debate on the issue and a number of key points have been brought out. I know there is some concern that this particular program may or may not help the farmer who needs the help the most. I can't promise that it will get directly down to a farmer who is searching for credit today. But I can say that I think it will help free up capital that could be spread around in the future. The question of liability was brought up by Senator Hartnett. I hope that I tried to answer some of those questions. We are trying to work out some of those problems, Senator Hartnett. And I think between now and Select File we will have a better idea or a better draft of the bill for you that hopefully will answer some of those questions. But at this particular time I hope to see the bill advance. We will get the particular parties together to once again discuss the goals that we are attempting to meet with this issue. I think that this is a vehicle that can help agriculture. It may not help agriculture in the way that some people want it to. It may not solve the ag crisis as Senator Harris mentioned. I agree with his points that he made about federal policy. But this is a state initiative trying to help agriculture, to help free up long-term capital that we need in the state. And I think this is a good vehicle to do that. I think the lending institutions recognize that. I