

senators please return to your chairs. All unauthorized personnel will please leave the floor. Those senators who are not in the Chamber but can hear my voice, please return and press your green button. The house is now under call. Senator Rupp, will you push your green button, please. Senator Withem, Warner, Wesely. Senator Haberman, do you want to take call in votes? We are voting on ceasing debate. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, authorized call ins are accepted.

CLERK: Senator Rupp voting yes. Senator Warner continues to vote no. Senator Goll changing from yes to no. Senator Chronister voting yes. Senator Pirsch continuing to vote no. Senator Chizek voting yes. Senator Goodrich voting yes. Senator Harris voting yes. Senator Hoagland voting no. Senator Landis voting no. Senator Hartnett voting no.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Have you all voted? Has everybody...Senator Miller, Senator Peterson, Warner, Senator Warner is here, Senator Wesely and Senator Withem, will you...Senator Morehead. We are still looking for Senator Wesely, Morehead and Peterson. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate is not ceased. We will proceed. Senator Rod Johnson, you are the next speaker, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. President and members, I appreciate the opportunity to speak although I had an opportunity once and I think this debate has been useful to many of us. I, for one, don't wish this to deteriorate to a point of finger pointing and saying that one segment of society or one area of this state is getting benefits that the other is not because I think, as I pointed out, we have a number of different tax policies and taxes are much like beauty, I guess, it is in the eye of the beholder and who pays and so right now in this particular case we are looking at possibly exempting one segment of society and needless to say the cost will be borne on the others. My interest in this issue is not so much the bill itself but getting at the occasional sales that we passed in LB 715 a year ago. I