

substance? Well, then I'll have to ask if there are five hands for ceasing debate. I do see five hands. We've had pro and con on it, so I'll put the question to you, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We're voting to cease debate and the Chair will allow 30 seconds for the recording of your votes. This is the Hefner amendment. The Clerk will...have you all voted? The motion is to cease debate on the Hefner and others amendment. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Senator Labedz, do you wish to speak? The motion failed, the motion to cease debate fails. So,...do you wish to speak?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I thought sure that would go through. I rise to oppose the amendment. I think what we are doing with that very simple amendment is opening up a can of worms. Now I'm going to just give you an example. I have a home that is paid for, and I also have a cabin that is worth 70 or 80 thousand dollars. But the cabin is under my family, my husband, myself, and my children. So there's got to be a better way than what we've got here, if we are going to do that, because I can just list the cabin as a partial owner, or any other piece of property that I may have. I think the study that Senator Johnson is going to go through this summer will go into detail as to what the county assessor or the people that will be investigating whether or not they are eligible for a homestead exemption will have to have more detailed information as to what they should do and how I would be liable if I didn't have the income, and I'll never get a homestead exemption, believe me, because my husband's pension is taxable and, therefore, I will not meet the income qualifications. But I'm just using myself as an example, owning a cabin and 10 acres of ground, plus my own home. If I did meet the income qualifications, I would be able to get a homestead exemption. I'm saying that is wrong. I own other property, but it certainly should not be done with a simple amendment as this. It should have more detailed studies as to who is responsible, whether it is the county assessor, what type of information he is going to need, and check whether or not the information would be available, say for instance on my property that I own in addition to my home. I don't think we should do this as hastily as we are doing it here today. I would suggest that we wait for the study. I'm sure there will be many, many changes in the homestead exemption, and this will