

The motion is to cease debate on an amendment by Senator Lamb. The Chair will allow 20 seconds for recording your votes. The motion is to cease debate on an amendment by Senator Lamb. Please record your vote aye or nay. Five seconds to record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Senator Miller, do you wish to speak? Senator Pappas. Where are the speakers who wish to speak on this measure? Senator Miller, do you wish to speak? On the bill. This is on the amendment. The motion to cease debate failed. Very well. Is there anyone that wishes to speak on the Lamb amendment? All right, Senator Lamb, I'll ask you to close then. This is on the Lamb amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I voted against ceasing debate because I saw Senator Warner's red light up there and I thought maybe he had great words of wisdom for us, but I guess I offered this motion in an effort to express my frustrations with the fact that here we are about to pass a bill which...I don't think it's fair, I don't think it's fair. We have had a lot of talk about rural problems, agricultural problems, and I'm certainly sympathetic to the problems in towns and villages and cities. I have a number of those towns in my area and they're suffering the same problems that we're suffering in the country, but I believe that, basically, this is an unfair way to try to resolve some of the problems in the villages, in the towns, in the cities, at the expense of agriculture, actually, because for the most part the people in agriculture do not get to vote on city sales tax, on the local option tax. They do pay a large chunk of it without that representation. However, with this amendment I guess I sense less than a landslide support for the bill or for the amendment, so at this point I will withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment has been withdrawn. Is there anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President. Except I do have Senator Vickers' amendments, but, of course, he is excused.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to...do you want to renew the motion, Senator Nichol, to advance the bill?