

perform the necessary task of holding your local government down? And they said, yes, that is right, that is what we have got to do. And I feel the citizens across the State of Nebraska are doing this and you cannot say that we have to tell them to do it. They are doing it and I know that we have to do this. It is unnecessary tax. I have been against it all along and I stand solidly against it now. We never should have had this bill in the first place. If it had been my way, it would have stayed in committee two years ago. But, no, it got out because of the political ramifications. We want to do something for property tax relief, but when you take it out of one pocket and put it in another, to me that is not relief. So I stand solid behind this. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think we as Nebraskans need to be accountable. I think we need to be responsible, Senator DeCamp. And it is not a year and a half in advance, for someone is going to experience added costs and if the Legislature can do something to avoid added costs for entities of local government, by repealing this bill now we have the means at our fingertips to prevent some unneeded expenditures at the local level. We should not ask our assessors in 93 counties to have added work that will be for no purpose starting in January. We have responsibilities in many areas but this is one area in which we actually can save tax dollars for citizens at the local level. Let's help do it. Thank you very much.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (No response.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I would like to call the question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record vote has been requested. Please vote. Please vote. Has everybody voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.