

Withem, and Kristensen. We are voting on ceasing debate and call in votes have been authorized.

CLERK: Senator Rasmussen voting yes. Senator Hall voting yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I am not going to raise the call, so the call is still on. The senators need to continue to report to the Chamber. Senator Schellpeper, you may start your closing.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Okay, thank you. Senator Dierks wants a little bit of my time. I will give some to him first.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I guess I am just a little bit disappointed because we have been on this piece of legislation all day, and the amendments we addressed early on were amendments that were brought by the introducers of the bill, and we spent a lot of time, and we have been very patient, and we have talked about all these things without any chastisement. Yet when Senator Schellpeper brings an amendment that doesn't particularly fit the program, all of a sudden he is chastised, and I don't think that is really fair. I think that he brought an amendment that I appreciate, the people that I represent like, and a number of people here do appreciate. So I really think that he deserves a little bit more than relegation to second class citizen status on this particular amendment. And I'd just like to stand here in support of what he has done. He has brought an amendment to us that meets all the requirements of constitutionality. He has spent a lot of time on this and a lot of effort on it, and he has, as Senator Moore said earlier on, that we are all looking for some way to tax someone else. This particular amendment doesn't do that. It taxes everybody, and I think that is about as fair as we can get. I certainly have no problem with this amendment and I am going to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Senator Dierks. I think the body needs to realize that we are not hitting the working class people. We are targeting the upper income people of Nebraska,