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convictions you will have a difficult time explaining your vote to yourself or to your constituency or to the people of Nebraska. I oppose both the motion to shut off debate and the advancement of the constitutional amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Elmer, your light is next.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'll be very brief. I don't believe in the course that this combination package of LB 1063 and 219 is taking us. I think it's taking us out of step with the states that surround us. It's very anti economic development no matter where you live. If this package is presented to the voters, I'll work against it as hard as I can and hope that it would be rejected and I think the people of Nebraska will agree. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator. Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Call the question.

SENATOR CONWAY: The question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. The motion is to cease debate. In favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 14 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR CONWAY: Debate is not ceased. We'll go to Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I've only cast one vote during the entire discussion of this tax matter, and I haven't spoken at all. But I've always been opposed to suspensions of the rules for the purpose of cutting off debate. I'm going to oppose that motion at this time not because I want to extend the debate because I haven't participated in it, but there have been occasions since I've been in this Legislature when issues would arise on which I would speak at considerable length and I did not want the debate to be terminated by a suspension of the rules. So if there are people who want to continue the discussion, let them continue it as far as I'm concerned. Whenever we start dealing with political issues and sides are chosen, the ones with the