

make improvements. I would like to see their mill levy in Hubbell for the purpose of carrying forth that community's desires and wishes. I am sure it is quite low. As I said before, if they make the improvements by voting a levy against themselves, and they need to recover additional funds for the maintenance of that facility because it is used greatly by the community, then they can charge rent and proceed from there. That is the issue. Nothing else.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I listen to the debate and I think we have missed the issue somewhat. I think most of these small communities are not interested in raising their taxes. They are interested in keeping their community alive. Lots of these communities have the money that is needed to do what they are proposing. They have revenue sharing money and other funds that they can get for community improvement. The amount of tax that will be levied I am sure will be very minute in most of these communities because they know very well what the taxing situation is. They don't need us to tell them from Lincoln. I think that we should give these communities a chance to survive. Many times this is exactly what it is. They don't have anything left. The school is gone. The post office is gone and all they have left is a few old buildings downtown and no place to go for the elderly, the children, the youth or anything else and I think that this is the point. If they want to tax themselves, I think we should let them but I don't believe that is the issue at all. I think what we are trying to do is help these people so that they can use what money lots of them already have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am in favor of the bracketing motion. This will give me a chance to draft an amendment where the vote of the people will be required and I think then we will have a bill that the majority of the body can accept so I move that the debate cease.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is, shall debate cease on the motion to bracket? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate. Mr. President, the motion is to bracket LB 29 for ten days to February 17th.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler, would you like to close debate on this matter.

SENATOR FOWLER: Since the sponsor of the bill has asked for this bracketing, I think we ought to support it. Otherwise we will continue to debate the issue but not have the available amendments to maybe clean the bill up. If we turn down this bracketing motion, we can debate this bill from noon till noon, not have it off General File and be in the same position. I think to expedite things and to follow the wishes of the sponsor we should bracket it until the 17th. We can bring back amendments. We can discuss those issues. We have had one chance on killing the bill.