

So they already have that particular advantage. So I submit to you once again that the arguments that are being used in favor of this amendment simply don't hold water.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I'd like to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: 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, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Remmers, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, first in response to the question that Senator Schmit asked, I believe his company is probably not exempt under the bill as it is presently written. So I don't think this would change that because I think perhaps over half of that is used for...over 50 percent of their costs would be for air conditioning, and lighting and so forth, for you might say the human comfort. So I think under the bill, as it is presently written, it would not be covered and it would also not be covered with this amendment. I'd like to respond also to the figures that Senator Johnson gave us that the Revenue Department had said something like one-half to two-thirds of that amount that was supposed to be raised by this bill would be lost. I thought that the figure was one-third to one-half. Again, it is a guess but I believe that it was one-third to one-half and not from one-half to two-thirds, which makes quite a bit of difference. Just a couple of other points. Again, I think business climate makes a lot of difference. I see a lot of efforts on this floor once in awhile that it seems to me would discourage business rather than encourage it. Again I want to say that we have talked about giving tax breaks to businesses in terms of tax exempt bonds and so forth. As far as a tax increase that the citizens will have to pay if this amendment were adopted, yes, there would probably be an increase in the tax paid in that bill. But, on the other hand, if it is passed, the prices of their goods are going to be higher because those taxes are passed through. We all