

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb, are you on deck? Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to rise and say that although I totally agree with those folks that have made their statements about the value of the Displaced Homemakers Program and I received a number of calls from folks representing Displaced Homemakers Programs across the state and particularly in our own area, Hastings also has a program, I think everyone of us in here know that we voted for a package yesterday, late in the day, one which I did not support, which I do not support at this time particularly. I do support and still can support the across the board cut, it doesn't look like we are going to have that now, but more than that I support not increasing taxes at this time in the economy. I will continue to support that effort. For this reason I am going to have to go on record, and I think that we all have to go on record then if this is a concern of ours not looking at cutting from this package. I will, for that reason, support this package down the line even though I am not in favor of the package and I think that we all have to look seriously at that right now. Until or unless there is something better, I will just have to go along with it. So I have to go on record then in opposing this, eliminating this one from the package.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to...the question has been asked for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall the debate cease on this Chambers amendment to LB 722? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. You are voting on the motion offered by Senator Chambers concerning Program 294. Voting to cease debate. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The debate is closed by that vote and, Senator Chambers, you are entitled to make a closing statement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Warner a question or two about this federal program he mentioned because I am totally unfamiliar with it and I was unaware of it until he spoke. Senator Warner, has legislation been enacted and money appropriated at the federal level to set up this