

Abboud, do you wish to accept call ins? The question is to cease debate.

CLERK: Senator Withem voting yes. Senator Haberman voting yes. Senator Barrett voting yes. Senator Rod Johnson voting yes. Senator Scofield voting yes. Senator Goodrich voting yes. Senator Lamb voting yes.

PRESIDENT: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised. The question is...okay, Senator Smith or Senator McFarland, which one of you wish to close? Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. We are filled with high expectations and we are really grateful for those captains of industry that are going to do all these fine things for the recovery of the economy in the State of Nebraska. I think, as a body, that we have gone to great lengths during this entire session to do everything we could to put the tools in their hands to make that possible. Now we are just asking them to do their part to help us because there are other needs, there are many other concerns in the State of Nebraska that go on. We have ongoing needs for other folks and we are just asking them to share in that responsibility for meeting those kinds of needs. And I am really sorry Senator Vard Johnson brought into this discussion the old story that we have heard all through this session that we used the word "ConAgra" in here again this morning on this amendment. Everything we have done seems to go back to ConAgra for some reason or the other. It's reaching the point where I am sick to death of hearing that name. I don't like being warned continually that if I don't do thus and so, ConAgra is not going to like it. There is a lot more in the State of Nebraska than one corporation and we have to address those, as senators. We have to be concerned about the whole picture of the state and its needs. Closing loopholes can't be called increasing their gross responsibility because only those with the most income can afford to take advantage of those kinds of loopholes before this time. By closing those loopholes, what they have simply done is shift to more productive kinds of investments. Should we ask other people then to fund this kind of so-called loss? I ask you to consider very seriously what we are asking you to do here this morning, senators. Remember the people of the State of Nebraska that elected you, that sent you