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reasons, we should...we should not go this direction. I oppose the Engel amendment as well as the Pederson amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Robak, on the Engel amendment. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. Question for the body is, shall debate cease on the Engel amendment, AM3576, to FA1061 to LB 1085? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate on the Engel amendment. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Engel, you're recognized to close on your amendment, AM3576.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I...I know we certainly had a good discussion on this, but I would like to add some comments, some clarification as far as I'm concerned. First of all, in...in Nebraska now, there are 11 additional taxes on motor vehicles and...and, again, I like to reiterate that all people driving in the state of Nebraska, wherever they're from, do pay the gas tax and only Nebraskans pay the sales tax on motor vehicles. Another thing as far as in answer to Senator Wickersham. He said as far as uniformity, concerned about the uniformity, only the county treasurer collects motor vehicle taxes...sales taxes on motor vehicles, and the Department of Revenue collects it on...on leases. So as far as uniformity, there are 116 local subdivisions in the state of Nebraska that had...have a...a variable tax rate, so where...where is the uniformity now? There...there just...I don't think that's really a good argument at all. And...and so, again, these...these...these funds are...are not going to help our current situation either because it's not going into the General Fund, and we are not messing with the...the Highway Trust Fund. We're just not putting this...adding this tax onto specific...these...these specific automobiles, et cetera. And as...and as far as Senator Janssen mentioned that you're just picking and choosing, this isn't picking and choosing. It applies to all motor vehicles. It...it's not...it's not just