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CLERK: Senator Connealy voting yes. Senator Cornett voting yes. Senator Foley voting yes. Senator Engel voting yes. Senator Jensen voting yes. Senator Landis voting yes. Senator Synowiecki voting yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: What did you say, Senator Thompson? Senator Thompson, would you stand, please? I cannot hear you.

SENATOR THOMPSON: A roll call vote, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, when you get time, please call the roll, motion to cease debate.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1535-1536.) 20 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. Debate does not cease, and I do raise the call. Back to discussion of the Beutler amendment. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I voted no on ceasing debate, and that's rare for me, but I don't believe that Senator Beutler has had enough time to convince the body of the merits of his amendment. I know that I'm not convinced. I'm struggling because I like efficiency, and clearly there is some promise of efficiency down the road, but there is also a great deal of concern. Senator Janssen alluded to the fact that when the state set down the road of adopting the assessor's function in the different counties that we stopped after only doing, I believe, nine counties. And when Douglas County came to them and wanted to pursue this route, we were told, no, it's too expensive, we can't afford it. And I have a great deal of fear that by 2010, which Douglas County is slated to come into this proposal, that they're going to look at that price tag, which probably will be more than \$2.8 million at that point in time and say, ooh, no, we're not going to do this. It's a sizeable obligation of the state. It is a shift in tax