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LB 499

in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? We are wasting extremely valuable time with calls of the House but I am going to start calling for them real rapidly here pretty soon so that we can get on with the business. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: No close. I don't want to use the body's time.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Burrows. The question then is the adoption of Senator Burrows' motion to refer LB 499 to the Revenue Committee. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. There are four excused, Senator Burrows. Do you want to....I will leave it up to you. All right, record the vote.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 18 nays on the motion to refer to committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Proceed with any other amendments on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Vickers. The amendment reads as follows: (Read the Vickers amendment as found on page 488 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I don't think this needs to be debated very long. I think we all understand what is going on. We are eroding the tax base of the State of Nebraska. We are putting a new tax on. I am simply saying with this amendment if we are going to put a new tax on let's put it where it will do some good. If people want more tourism, more advertisements for tourism then fine, let's take this one percent, give it to the Department of Economic Development and let them do that, bring in more tourists. Let's take the other two percent, give it to the Department of Roads so they can build the roads up that we all know that we all need. It is just that simple. The sections that we are deleting are the sections dealing with counties. I don't think counties need to get