

change in the future, then we as a Legislature lose control of the increases that may take place because we don't control the method of computation of the price index, and what I have said now, the addition to the amendment from the last time says that if the tax commissioner determines that the method of computation has changed, then at that point in time the credit is frozen. The credit is frozen at what it was before the change in the method of computation, and then we would come back in here as the Legislature and determine whether we wanted to use the new price index or raise the credit or whatever. But basically that was the main objection I heard in that...and this is my answer to that objection. I think it does answer it, and I hope you will reconsider. I don't want to take much time. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, fellow members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, LB 44 has been around a long time in this two-year session of the Legislature to be amended and talked of, to have had public hearings, to be through the hearing and committee process, yet on Final Reading just before we are ready to vote to send it to the Governor for signature comes an amendment, a massive amendment, in the way we would set this rebate of the tax paid on food. I object strenuously to those procedures. I think they are not worthy of this Legislature. I don't think they are worthy of the legislative process, and particularly when what was discussed at the last time now comes an amendment that would do away with the very continuing of using the consumer price index as the indexing, but the minute that what Senator Beutler says would be an excellent indicator, as soon as it changes and they do it a little differently, he is ready to throw in the towel and bring it back to the Legislature again. Ladies and gentlemen, we have a system known as the legislative process. No doubt there are many of us who would support looking at an indexing system for this procedure if we could look at it, but picking it up on Final Reading with debate of this nature, moving it back...no, I will not support that, and I hope that this Legislature does not either.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record.

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