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SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Chairman and members, I think the issue is clear but I would like to point out that without the previous amendment that I had on 1002 or without the amendment that Senator Warner is proposing now, we are going to go back to the old formula. Now if you think the formula is bad that we are proposing, and you want to go back to the old one. Come on, who is kidding who. There have been several, a couple of pretty impassionate pleas taken place here but I am going to tell you that if we dcn't do something to relieve property taxes in the State of Nebraska, the property tax payers are going to force us to. If we are not going to bite the bullet this year, then we are going to be forced to bite it next year because the property tax payers are going to referendum. I am sure that is true. They just cannot stand it any longer and homestead exemptions is not going to prevent that. If we want to prevent that from happening, if we want to take the leadership in this area, which I think is what we should do, this is the way to do it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I ask for the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is to cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Once more, have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate does not cease. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to direct a question to Senator Vickers please.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers, will you respond?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: The other day when we were debating the amendments to 1002 I believe that you opposed Senator Warner's