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get our house in order, we will take care of it, and then we can take this temporary sales tax off. And so I submit to this body if this is the case, then why don't you want to see a sunset clause on here on '83 or '84? I believe it would be only fair that you allow us to have this. And with that in mind, I stand here opposing the bill as it is.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, do you wish the floor?

SENATOR BURROWS: I would like to call the question.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried, debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp to close.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think the debate on LB 40 and the related issues has been some of the best we have ever had. We have all learned a lot. We have learned about our taxation system. We have learned about each other a little bit. I have said that I withdrew my amendments for one purpose, to give Omaha their shot, their chance to see if they can do as a team all working together what they can't do the way they have always operated in here. And, quite frankly, I repeat it again, the only way you are going to win is if every Omaha Senator decides to support the concept. Now you are going to lose some votes. You might lose me. You might lose...I guarantee you will lose Hefner, probably Kahle, a bunch of others. What you have got is your chance to do what you keep claiming you want which is free yourself from linkage of issues. And I am going to yield one minute at the request of Senator Labeledz to Senator Higgins, because I probably won't vote to advance it if she doesn't.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, there are two minutes left.

SENATOR HIGGINS: (Microphone not on)...what it's like to be between a rock and a hard place like I feel right now. I have said repeatedly that I have to dance with the fellow that brought me and the 9th Legislative District according to my own personal poll shows that they who are comprised of very low income, middle income people, not many of them, 45 percent of them over 65, living on food stamps and welfare, I cannot go against those people when I gave them