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SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, we have worked a long time on these issues, ever since before the session started. There is one thing that bothers me about the formula and besides that, the thing that is worrying me about the formula of course is that some subdivisions of government and some counties are going to get less than they had expected. We have all found out now that generally they are going to get the amount of money or more than they had budgeted. I guess the thing that bothers me, and I haven't heard anybody speak of it, and I don't know if I should bring it up at this time yet, I do have an amendment prepared but I do think that the subdivisions of government should be paid interest for that money that they have not received. Now, if it comes to a show down and that is the only thing that is going to make this bill fly or not fly, I expect that I could live with it. I am a little bit concerned, we got the letter from the Governor this morning, which took a broad shot at LR 39 which would allow some relief for county government when it comes to the medical vendor payments. I guess what I am driving at is if we give up the interest on this money, will we get it back as medical vendor payments to the counties. With that I am going to let you think about it. But, I will be back. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to call the question Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 16 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator DeCamp, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit said something when he opened, he said that it feels like we are going full circle. And, indeed I feel like I have gone full circle about nine years back when I first became very actively involved in the personal property tax issue. At that time I had on the other side of me Senator Schmit, all of the major lobbyists, my good friend Jim Ryan, Hurt Yost, the Farm Bureau, the Livestock Feeders, you name it, they were there. Indeed today it is all there again. They worked hard and I applaud them for it. For just a minute I would ask you to forget looking at figures as to whether you get ten dollars more or five dollars less or whatever and reflect on a couple of facts. We have been fighting this battle