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call it? The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would ask that the motion be rejected on the basis that there has not been a full and fair debate of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Well you know my position on that, Senator Beutler. I do not favor ruling from the Chair when 25 of you can decide that for yourselves and since it is a motion to return for striking the enacting clause, you can do the same thing by voting against the bill on Final Reading so I am going to ask that those of you who are in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I believe I have a right to a ruling from the Chair. I think I know what it is going to be but...(interruption.)

PRESIDENT: The ruling was that I am rejecting your request if that was not clear enough. The question before the House is, shall debate cease. Record the vote.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 17 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, following Senator Nichol's advice, I will be very brief. I think Senator Beutler has raised a very key issue. I think Senator Wiitala with his amendment did as well raise some points that I think need to be discussed. I supported the bill. I probably will continue to support the bill but there are some key points that need to be brought out I think in discussion and brought to the attention of the body. Number one, I don't think we really have looked at the situation nearly as well as we could. I know that Senator Carsten has promised that the Revenue Committee will look at the tax exemptions and review the situation and perhaps come up with some recommendations next year and I trust him at his word and hope that they will do that. Nevertheless, it is quite clear by looking at different information, you can find different answers to this situation. I have with me a copy of a report from the Advisory Commission of Intergovernmental Relations on Interstate Tax Competition that shows fairly conclusively that tax incentives really have very little impact on location of industry in this country, that other factors such as labor, such as market conditions, such as transportation all have much more important influences on where industry is located