

why I have supported the lid and I oppose the Beutler amendment because I don't think it has any relationship with need and while it is a good idea and has some merits, it just does not fit the needs so with that in mind, I urge my colleagues to oppose the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: Well we have only heard three speakers and they have all been in opposition. We haven't heard anyone else so I am going to let Senator Wagner talk.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, members, I, too, oppose the Beutler amendment and I will tell you why, that is many times during the committee hearing one of the things that came out there was somebody was always saying return local control to us and I asked this question many times. Is this what you want, return local control? And basically this is one of the things that people wanted is return their local control to them and I would like to return that control to them because it would take the burden off of us here. Some people indicate they use this lid, so to speak, as a crutch and I think we take the blunt for many of these political subdivisions. I think in a way too, I look at this amendment as another kind of an exemption. There are many exemptions to our lid because really we do not have a true lid in the State of Nebraska. We have got too many exemptions to it and I think it ought to stay at 7% until they decide they want to take this lid off and that is the way I will vote. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Could I ask the question?

SENATOR CLARK: You sure can. Everyone is against it. Do I see five hands? All those that want to cease debate vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voted yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?