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and if we could move to a vote on that amendment, I will be happy to support it with my own green light and perhaps we can move LB 706 yet this morning.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you wish to be recognized on the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: No, I want to talk to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you wish to close? The motion is to adopt the Beutler amendment. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted?

CLERK: 28 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The amendment is adopted. We now go to the bill. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I have spoken on the bill, Mr. Speaker. Unless there is a closing, I don't envision speaking again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is Senator Haberman here? Okay, while we are waiting for him, the Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I just hope that there are some people listening here this morning. I think Senator Schmit and Senator DeCamp and others have made some very good points as far as this piece of legislation is concerned. But I think I need to point out a little stronger to you that what we are doing is granting an exemption to certain people on their property taxes that other people that might be doing the very same thing as far as improving their facilities, whether it be a business or a home, or whatever, are going to have to pay for. And I suggest to you that anybody that makes an addition to their business or adds an addition to their home are doing it because they think that they are bringing up the standard of their business or their home. Whether or not it happens to be in a specific area that has been designated blighted, it still is an improvement. We built a new house here a few years ago and we built it because we considered the house that we were in as being somewhat substandard, and the new house that we built was on the...the assessor was out before we even got moved in. We didn't even have it completed yet when they were out to look at it. Now we are saying if you do that