

in a certain area that somebody has designated as a blighted area, we are just going to turn our back for five years and you can go ahead and pay taxes on the assessed value as it was before. Senator Schmit pointed out the way it would work in Bellwood, Nebraska, and I think that same philosophy would apply in many, many small towns or in many large communities in this state. Throwing dollars at a problem does not necessarily make it go away. What we need to do is encourage more jobs in these areas so that these people can get back on the tax rolls because they are working and productive members of society. It doesn't make any difference whether that job is located right in the area where they happen to live or whether it is located on the edge of the city or five miles away, they need work. That is the basic problem. In many rural areas of the state it is simply because the people are not there. The areas around where I come from were definitely going backwards a few years ago. More and more the young people were leaving the areas. The farms were being rundown, but because of irrigation development that has changed around and it wasn't because of the government involvement in providing dollars or tax exemptions. It was simply a method to give more people more work, and I suggest that that is the solution to some of these problems, not throwing dollars at it through tax exempt bonds or exclusions of certain other taxes. Property tax is the most hated there is anyhow and causing exemptions for certain things is certainly going to make it go up for the rest of the people having to pay the tax. I urge this body's rejection of LB 706.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman. Do you want to speak? Do you want to speak...the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 25 ayes,, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Landis to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: I will and I will do it very briefly. Could I ask, since I can see a lot of the Senators are off the floor, if I have a Call of the House at this point and then we'll be able to vote with the appropriate number of people here at the time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, shall the House go under Call?