

legislation being proposed change, and these facts, but I do want it on the record, I think this is about the most unfair portion that we could give on L3 775.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall debate now close? Do I see five hands? Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion prevails. Senator Wesely, would you care to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I see the handwriting on the wall but forward I go, and I do so not because I...well, not because of any other reason than I really believe in this. I think that for all kinds of good reasons as expressed by other senators that many of you will vote against this. That doesn't mean that I don't feel just as strongly as I did before the debate started or that other people in this state may feel differently than the majority in this body. I think most people understand that the superwealthy have all kinds of options available to them that the normal, typical average individuals in this state just don't have. They can take their income in different ways to avoid taxes. They have the ability to move their money around. They have the ability, themselves, to move around. If they want to get away from the tax situation, they get away from the tax situation. Does that mean we don't still try to put together a fair tax system? I think we still have to make that effort, and I think in addition, although I do appreciate the looking at the superbracket by the Revenue Committee, again, you put the superbracket on on the income tax and those individuals shift it over into capital gains side. I think you have got to try and do the best you can to put together what you think is a fair system, and even though we did adopt this policy two years ago as Senator Schmit says, that doesn't mean we shouldn't raise questions. And I did support 775, and I did care about economic development, I did care about ConAgra, and I did care about trying to build for the future of this state, but this provision of the bill, in my estimation, is not a major part of the positive side of that