

job of getting ourselves once again off the track in this session of where I think most of us started out saying we wanted to go and that was to look at property taxes. I recognize the relationships here of some of the issues are all going to want to talk about. But I think this kind of takes us into a piecemeal approach to what is a much larger picture and I can't see anything that would be served necessarily by pulling LB 188. It isn't going to go away from the committee and Senator Withem, himself, has said we're not going to probably deal with that until next year. And I think we simply ought to just let that bill lay there. We will want to go think about this, let the court do its work, and if you want to take it up later next year, fine, but let's not waste anymore time with stunts like this because I don't think it's serving any purpose. I think it's guaranteed to rile up people and if, as Senator Schmit predicts, we'll be in special session, well, so be it, Senator Schmit, I always get to kind of miss you about that time of year, I'm happy to come back and talk about those things.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb moves the previous question. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. For purposes of closing, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, Senator Haberman asked me for some time and then he said he just wants to explain that if you take away in lieu of tax, you've got to sell the land. I think that may be a valid conclusion by some people. I just want to say this, it's always of interest to me on this floor that if you don't like an issue or if you don't understand it, then you say you're clouding the issue and it's not important and we shouldn't divert ourselves from important issues like property tax relief. This Legislature has got about as much chance of passing a significant property tax relief bill as I have of going to the United States Senate, and I think we all know what those chances are. I think that we haven't got the courage, ladies and gentlemen, to pass a bill like that, and