

buying their homes right now, those are the people that are screaming and crying as well as some of the landowners, the ag owners, that property taxes are too high and, yes, of course, there are some small business people, many of them who have just as tough a time paying their property taxes as a homeowner does. And many of those, if not virtually all of them, will be covered under LB 84 in at least significant fashion with the \$2,000 cap. I would urge the body to oppose Senator McFarland's amendment. The issue of the constitutional question, I think, is moot. I do not believe that that is even worth discussion and I would be very interested in seeing the Attorney General's Opinion when that comes back. I would urge you to oppose the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Rod Johnson. In the north balcony we have a group from Doniphan, Nebraska, Doniphan Public Schools, 28 fifth graders and their teacher. Will you folks from Doniphan please stand up and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. Senator Rogers, please, followed by Senator Abboud and Senator Moore.

SENATOR ROGERS: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. And the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator McFarland, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President, and fellow senators, appreciated the comments that people made. It's a very good debate on this particular issue. I was pleased with Senator Lamb's comment. I think he helped support my reason for bringing this bill in saying that it's only going to have a \$6.4 million impact. This bill, as I understand it, is a \$94 million bill. It's a fairly significant amount of money in property tax relief and it seems to me if it's only \$6.4 million to make the bill consistent and uniform, we should do it. We should have a policy of giving property tax relief not based upon whether you're a corporation or whether you're a large landowner or anything. If we're going to give property tax relief, let's do it in a consistent, fair and reasonable manner.