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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Question.

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

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Smith, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, would, Mr. Speaker. I'll just take a minute and then I would give a little bit of time to Senator Hannibal in my closing. I just will restate that this amendment would reinstate what was removed from the bill the other day on General File which would allow 100 percent of the Nebraska elderly-handicapped disabled credit to be equal to that of the federal and reminding you that only those taxpayers with adjusted gross income of \$25,000 or less can qualify and of these only a few people fall in the 20 to \$25,000 category. That was like 22 people is all. Ninety-four percent of the taxpayers claiming the elderly disabled credit in 1987 had adjusted gross incomes of \$15,000 or less and even more than that, almost 2,000 of those, of those numbers that were returned were in the five to \$10,000 income category. I know it's a small amount of money. I'm not saying it's even enough. I'm just saying this is...we have this opportunity for \$200,000 to help this many people this little bit. I don't think it's asking very much when you look at the whole budget of the State of Nebraska and all the things that we do otherwise for other people. We can do something for those people who can't advocate for themselves right here today and whatever you do will be that much help for them. I would ask for your support and I'll turn the rest of my time over to Senator Hannibal. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, thank you, Senator