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

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Wesely, please, would you please close.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, again, and I don't mind the idea of just a couple of speeches and voting on these amendments. I do want to move through them quickly. They simply make the point that I think they're better alternatives to this bill. Again, this proposal would reduce the sales tax one cent for one year. This would essentially approximate the relief envisioned under this bill. The property tax proposal here, for a lot of reasons I've had concerns about. I did vote for the bill off of General File. I did vote against it off of Select File. I voted against it because I could see the problems that were coming and felt that we needed to talk about some other alternatives. I will talk about some of those coming up. But the problems again, the sales tax covers everybody. It would reduce a regressive tax, it would provide for the return to not only property owners, but all citizens in the state that pay sales tax. It would, I think, better target relief and the middle income in particular, I think, would be helped by this. I think there are errors in judgment on the compromise that has been worked out, and I have introduced previously legislation to reduce the sales tax one cent per year before, and that bill was in committee, so this is a consistent position of mine. I think it's a better way to go and I'd ask for your support for this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the return of the bill to Select File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. May I read two items for the record?

PRESIDENT: Yes, please do.