

has a correlation to property tax relief. So I think that we have got an opportunity here to get together and come up with a package that will solve a lot of problems with a very small amount of payment by each individual taxpayer out of this property tax fund. So I wish we could get the movers and shakers of this session, those six that I mentioned, to get together and come up with a solution on taxes that will solve this problem so I can go to my fund raiser.

PRESIDENT: One minute. Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Five, I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Since some are over helping themselves, I might need a little help here of those of you that are here. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would like to. I will give some of my closing time to Senator Bernard-Stevens. This is an amendment...this is, frankly, just an opportunity to one more time let's see if the Legislature can come to its senses on this particular issue. We are not, as a Legislature, going to leave here a week from now having spent a hundred million dollars on property tax relief, some \$12 million on indigent care, \$20 million in teachers salaries, whatever it is in capital construction, and all of those other measures, we are just not going to do that. What we have done this session, I think, is we have worked toward a long-term solution in financial aid to the schools problems. This \$20 million is not part of our agenda as a Legislature. We, as the Legislature, for once since I have been down here, I have been impressed with our system. At least up until this point I have been impressed with our system because we have been making the decisions inside this body. We, the senators that have been elected by the people we represent to come down here and make policy decisions, have said in effect we are going to make the decisions. We are going to do something about our property taxes. We are going to do something about school financing. We are going to use our