

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support Senator Scofield's amendment. Obviously, the major flaw in LB 683, in my opinion, is that you're distributing money and distributing cigarette tax money on a total nonneed basis so, obviously, you...the part that bothers me the most, the 32 communities in this state, they are already using the local city sales tax option, get money under this formula. Obviously, since they have already exercised their option and all communities that don't use that option, obviously, still have the option, I just wonder about just throwing money away like that. Obviously, the big tickets area, you're spending a big chunk of the change in Omaha and Lincoln, two communities that those of us that have been spending time here in Lincoln the last few months have been giving them property tax relief every time we purchase something. That, in itself, is a reason, a problem I have with LB 683. Obviously, Senator Scofield, what she is attempting to do is to bring at least some need base requirement into the bill and even though I think I'm a little fuzzy on how she attempts to do that, I think I laud her efforts and sincerely hope the body would, this time...I know this did not work on Select File, the body would take a long serious look at what Senator Scofield is proposing and amend it into LB 683 and, obviously, I appreciate Senator Schellpeper's great concern of the Constitution, but if you look at the last two days, you passed several bills that were constitutionally suspect, why not pass one more?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner. Thank you. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now close? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Scofield, would you care to close?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes, I would, Mr. President and members. Again, I simply want to point out that what I'm trying to do