

dollars, very, very rapid. I heard this morning where the drought last year was figured that it cost Nebraska \$40 billion. That is a lot of money and, again, that is \$40 million, not billion, and, again, I think that we need to be very, very careful. I spoke to a machinery dealer this morning. He said, Arlene, I have not sold anything for nine months, and unless things change in Nebraska, I don't see much improvement in the next nine months. So I think we should move with caution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore. Senator Labeledz, further discussion?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands to cease debate? Yes, I do. The question is, shall debate close? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Moore, would you like to close on your motion.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, you know, as we stated earlier this morning, this is the first of what we are all sure will be many chapters in the whole book of property tax debate this session, and the fact of the matter is the reason February 28 was selected primarily was for the reason that Senator Warner and others have stated is that is sometime after the Forecasting Board would come in and give us some...what would be the final numbers that we do all of our spending decisions this session. That is why February 28, and that is why I, myself, would not concur with the notion of setting the date February 3rd, so that is why it is important to me it is the 28th. But in many ways, you know, that is just one issue of why I put the bracket motion. More importantly is the fact of the matter, as I said in my opening, is at what point in this session are we going to breakdown and get into a bitter rural-urban battle of what we are going to do. Now the fact of the matter, even though it was done over Senator Warner's objections, and he had some very good objections last year, the secret to success in this body last year is we put down the gloves, joined hands, and made something happen. And the