

\$100,000, and the other half basically fall in the 50 to 100 thousand dollar category. And the question is just like...should those 26,000 other corporate citizens pay for it? Well, maybe not as much as the two brackets that are actually going to get the benefits of the appellants. So for that reason I think of the Dierks/Landis proposal we're talking about, I think Senator Dierks offers us the best one because it specifically targets the closest corporate cousin that should fairly pick up the tab in lost revenue. With that I urge the adoption of the Dierks amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: I'd call the question.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Dierks, would you close, please, on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, sir, Mr. President, members of the body, I'd be delighted to. I'd like to distance us a little bit from some of the things that we've been talking about and get back to the purpose for my introducing this amendment to the amendment. It was my intention to make Senator Landis' amendment what I thought was a better amendment, one that was more palatable to each one of us, one that would be easier for us to explain to our constituents and one that I felt we could all support. I still feel that way. I think this amendment is one that makes it much easier for our smaller corporate citizens, I know it does. And I think it makes it maybe a little more difficult on some of the more wealthy corporate citizens, but I still feel like the thrust of most of our legislation today should be geared toward the citizen, the majority of the citizenry in Nebraska. So, without even discussing the merits of the Attorney General's Opinion, I just would like to urge your support of this amendment which I think makes Senator Landis' amendment a little more valid for all of us. I'd like to turn the rest of my closing over to Senator Landis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.