

will pass, perhaps it won't. I'll support the amendment at this point and the advancement of the bill, but if it stays in somewhat the form it is, I'll vote against it at Select File because I feel it's, in its current form, flawed and there are going to be better ways to do it. We won't be to Select on this till next week I'm sure, maybe late in the week. We will have had a great deal of time or at least some time to get some data and figures on the amendments that are going to be proposed and have been proposed. Give the people the time to look and see who are the people affected by these amendments; what effect are they going to have on the state? If we keep it on General File, then the process becomes bogged down and I agree with Senator Hall in that aspect and I think we should adopt the amendment and advance the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Hall, would you like to close?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again, the proposal is I guess to some extent in an unfinished form, but it has had much debate. Earlier this year one of the first days we passed a cloture rule and that rule could have been invoked about three hours ago. I wouldn't have had the votes, so wouldn't have made much difference, but I didn't want to do that, didn't want to do that I don't think. But at least by our rule book we had examined the issue at this stage of debate to a point where if one wanted to, they could have looked at using that rule. I did not, did not want to, did not think needed to and clearly the body didn't think so either. That's why we're at this point right now because we shouldn't do that. I don't feel that there was a point where it would have been appropriate. The discussion and the debate was all on a very high level and I know will continue to be that way. Taxes are