

debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. And I will recognize Senator Kristensen for closing.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. The discussion that we had, other than it took some time, is very healthy, because it talks about the thing that everybody is going to go home and talk about this year, the most important issue of the session, and the most important issue of the session is taxes. And I filed this motion, one, because there was nothing else in the bill, and the best way, I think, to make the correction to bring it to the position that I think it should be in was Senator Horgan's amendment. And so it would have been fruitless to bring in a whole new plan and stir the debate. What it is, is it preserves the integrity of the plan that we have with, I believe, the correction so it didn't violate the federal 4-R Act. I'm not talking about constitutionality. I'm not talking about uniform and proportionate, because there you get into reasonable classification. Senator Beutler correctly quoted the statute that says any tax that discriminates, it does, you treat them differently than somebody else, and you can't do that. Now what I think, after this debate, listening to it, when I'm done speaking I will pull this amendment. I think we should have an up or down vote on LB 829E. You can decide at that point in time whether the bill is flawed, or whether you're willing to take the risk to do it. And if you think the bill is in good shape, so be it, that's fine. If you vote to advance it, or vote to send it to the Governor for the purposes that you want to go home, because you want to plant beans, or corn, or I don't know, Senator Warner, if you're done planting yet or not, but vacations, I want to spend some time at home, too. We will. But I think that it's important to understand that people do watch what we do, and the integrity of our system is valid. And if we think we do have a problem, and you want to correct it, we should do so, and not because we want to go home and say, well, we tried the best we could, and go home. If the bill does not pass, I would assume there may be a motion to reconsider my amendment, to try to put it on, to fix it. If you do that, you