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five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: Debate is not ceased. We will move on to the next speaker. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise in support of the motion to place LB 1063 on General File. I think the issue has been discussed rather thoroughly. I do think that in discussing this we need to take a step back and away from the specifics, away from the rhetoric and just think about where we are in the process. You know, we can argue all day about whose bill is more beneficial to the little guy and I'm sure we will have that argument somewhere down the line to a greater extent even than we have this morning. But I think, in a larger context, we need to look at the process we've gone through on the personal property issue. Obviously, last session, last special session we went through some gut-wrenching debate on the issue, did not reach a resolution but did establish the 3-R Committee that went through a very extensive process in developing a piece of legislation which is represented by LB 1063. Even though that wasn't...the committee was not in consensus on that bill, I think it's a viable piece of legislation that deserves to be placed on the floor and debated on the floor. I think that, in general, the Legislature has dealt fairly responsibly with a very difficult problem in the issue of personal property tax. The Revenue Committee, this session, heard 1063, heard LB 1120, heard Senator Lamb's bills, heard a number of other bills dealing with the...dealing with the issue. We went through a lot of debate within the committee, beyond the public hearings, beyond Executive Sessions. We talked informally with one another. We did end up advancing LB 1120. As a member of the Revenue Committee, I was in the minority in voting against that and in supporting 1063. But I think, at this point, we've gone through a number of the issues on LB 1120 that needed to be debated, that needed to be discussed. We talked very thoroughly about increases in the sales and income tax as an alternative, ultimately rejecting those in a vote yesterday. I think we've come to a point now where it's important that we continue to maintain what I see as progress on the issue and I think we do that by voting to put 1063 on the floor, by debating that bill on its merits and by demonstrating to ourselves and to the