

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Robinson, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do I see sufficient seconds? I do. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT MOUL: Debate has ceased. I now recognize Senator Elmer for closing.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President, I think there has been a good healthy debate here about the issues that we are addressing and it still boils down to the propriety of taxing personal property. If some personal property is exempt from taxation, why isn't all of it? It doesn't make any sense and that's why we're here. Let's talk about household goods for a minute. Household goods are the same thing whether they're in a private home or in a furnished apartment. In a furnished apartment the landlord owns the apartment and the furniture within it. Because he is renting that to some other individuals than himself, that furniture is business property, it's part of the depreciation schedule as being depreciated. He is paying business taxes on it. The very same piece of furniture owned in a home is not being taxed. That's exactly why the pipeline won its case in the Supreme Court is because some things were being taxed of the same type and others were not. This is a good example of how this personal property gets all tangled up, it's very difficult to tax and the same argument applies to intangibles. It seems to me that if an apple is an apple in one bin, it's an apple in the other bin and if we're going to be talking about an even, fair tax system, then each of us should look at it in the same light of what it does, how it does it and the potential down the road. And I sincerely believe that if you really want this constitutional amendment to pass, that we all really believe needs to happen, we do want to resolve our constitutional dilemma. We want to have the people pass a constitutional amendment that will allow us to put a sane tax policy into this state and I can't help but think that if this amendment is adopted that we'll have a greater chance to get the