

going to rise to support this amendment. I recognize that this is difficult for some to accept something additional, but I feel it is responsible in the terms that it does help the state coffers in this case, replacing some of the machinery loss and I think it could be subject to discussion as to whether it's the one that we would want to accept, but I do feel it cuts across fairly uniformly across the state wherever it may be in terms of use of energy and there is ability to control this cost to some degree. So in essence, I think it cuts across fairly enough that I think it should be acceptable. I would be agreeable to something else if someone had something that would raise the approximate same amount of money and on somewhat of an even distribution, but for this at this point in time I feel it's acceptable and from that basis I'm going to support it, and if there is something that comes along that is more acceptable to more people, I would look at that. I simply feel at this point it is something that we should consider and accept and I'm looking at primarily at the energy tax at this point and so I urge your support.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Withem, you're next.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would 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. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I'd ask for a call of the house. I would take call-in votes.

SPEAKER BAACK: A call of the house has been requested. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. We are voting on ceasing debate and call-in votes have been authorized.

CLERK: Senator Hartnett voting yes. Senator Byars voting yes. Senator Will voting yes. Senator Schimek voting yes. Senator