

light on. Senator Wickersham, would you like to close?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to be brief. I appreciated the comments of Senator Kristensen. I think it did assist in clarifying this a little bit. The main amendment is discretionary, but I think discretion translates into something that you do in this instance and I'm unwilling to do what the main amendment would have us give the tax commissioner discretion to do on our behalf. I'm simple unwilling to do that in any shape or form and I think we do need to litigate the issue as to whether or not we discriminate against the railroads when we fail or refuse to tax inventories in the State of Nebraska. I cannot believe the tax policy in this state should be driven to that extent by that piece of federal legislation. I think we need to find out the answer to that question and I'm...normally I would say that we should compromise and we should accept the kind of proposal that is in the main amendment, but in this instance we have too much at stake and I'm unwilling to say that we should do that. My amendment will attempt to put the situation back to where the issue, if it is ever going to be litigated, is squarely whether the taxation of inventories discriminates against the railroads, that's the question I want to know the answer to and I urge your support and adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Wickersham's closing on his amendment to the Warner amendment. We will now vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Wickersham amendment. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Wickersham amendment? Have you all voted? Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Could we have a call of the house and a roll call vote, please?

SPEAKER BAACK: We have a request for the house to go under call. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to go under call.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under