

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, because I have heard a number of my colleagues say that if this amendment is adopted, it would make LR 1 palatable, and whereas they are going to vote against it now, they would then vote for it, I am going to withdraw the amendment. I have offered it for the purpose of achieving something that I thought was worthwhile. But the most worthwhile thing of all would be to defeat LR 1. This amendment being adopted may not let that be achievable, so I am withdrawing it. And if anybody would like to offer it, it is up on the desk.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We will withdraw the amendment, Chambers amendment, and we will go back to debate on the Lindsay amendment. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? Okay, we will now vote on the motion to call the question. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Debate has ceased. I will recognize Senator Lindsay for closing.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bohlke has just indicated that she disagrees with my earlier statement that it is easy to get 25 votes, and a little more difficult to get 30. Since she has been here, we can't even get 25 on a committee chairman. (Laughter) The amendment, just a recap where we are, the amendment, as it stands now, deals with adding a requirement that 30 votes be required to alter tax policy under this section of the Constitution. It is the intent, as I mentioned in my opening, and we've had a fairly vigorous debate, the intent is to offer some protection to those who might not otherwise have it. I think the issue has been framed. Senator Kristensen mentions Senator Lamb is on one side saying this doesn't offer enough protection because we could never get that many votes, and Senator Chambers on the other side saying this doesn't offer enough protection because it is too easy to get that many votes. So it is a matter, I guess, of how you view the body, how you view the Legislature. Does this or does this not offer that