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that I've heard from, from my district, experience 30 to 50 percent increases in their taxes. And it's something that there's a crisis brewing and we absolutely have to take the lead in dealing with it. And with that, I would thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, I would (inaudible) call the question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Are there four other senators, in addition to Senator Hartnett? There are. Would we...question is, shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Warner, on your motion, to close on your motion.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I started out talking about a rule suspension, actually we're following the rules, as the Speaker quickly explained to me that the rules provides for the introduction of a bill with 30 votes, and that is in fact the motion. I hope you understand I'm still trying to learn the process, and it takes a little while sometimes to...I mean... But in closing let me...I want to reemphasize just a couple of things, and I'm sorry that others, I'm sure, who had good points to make, because of the clock we don't have time. But briefly I want to reemphasize we look on it as the beginning of a process in which this whole issue, as complex as it is, will be explored. It's our expectation that many of you, through your committees or otherwise, will be involved. I do want to say that the concept in this resolution is not a new one to Nebraska. The concept of a limitation on levy in the constitution, as we all well know, has been true in the case of county government since the 1800s. Our statutes are full of limitations on levies for a variety of purposes and subdivisions, so conceptually it's in keeping with that. But I want to close with and ask for approval of your vote to introduce the resolution, but I want to say again the process is not going to be easy, it's not going to be noncontroversial. I suspect there will be some casualties or some wounded at least in the process, and we're not going to be talking only about property taxes, but we're going to be looking at total taxes