

debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Bromm to close on his motion.

SENATOR BROMM: Ask everyone to check in, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Will the senators please check in.

SENATOR BROMM: And I would yield the first couple minutes of my time to Senator Abboud.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Madam President, members, I just want to make a couple of comments. I guess I have been a little irritated about this bill. I get irritated about this type of a bill. I get irritated every time we take up the issue of taxes. Sales tax, income tax, it hasn't been around for a few years, but it always revolves around the issue, well, you know your sales tax wouldn't be so high if we only expanded the base. The reason your taxes are so high in the sales tax area is because not enough people are paying the taxes, and if we had more people paying the taxes, then your sales tax would drop. And that's what I hear about this valuation. Somehow these property taxes are going to drop dramatically because some other person is not making their fair contribution toward the taxes, toward schools, toward cities, toward counties. It is not going to happen. It is not going to happen. And I think the...I appreciated Senator Bromm's handout showing the amount of upheaval that we have out in the hinterland. It isn't a problem out there. It isn't a problem in my county. I haven't been inundated by telephone calls telling me that we need to make some changes in the valuation process. We have an adequate process through our judges, and I don't see how these commission members are going to provide any more expertise than what we have with our current judges. There is going to be appraisals that are going to be offered by individuals that are certified. They are going to offer appraisals making comparison of sales of like property, and on the basis of those appraisals, there will be a determination as to the valuation of the property, and whether or not that person