

leave the floor. Senators, please check in. Senator Beutler, Senator Lynch, Senator Matzke, Senator McKenzie, Senator Brashear, Senator Robak, Senator Schimek, Senator Cudaback, Senator Elmer, Senator Will, Senator Hudkins, Senator Jones. Senator Matzke, Senator Cudaback. We're waiting for Senator Cudaback. We're waiting for Senator Cudaback. Senator Bohlke, were you accepting call-in votes? The question before you is to cease debate on LR 41CA, and we are accepting call-in votes.

CLERK: Senator Maurstad changing from yes to no. Senator Elmer voting yes. Senator Brashear voting no. Senator Matzke voting no. Senator Schrock voting no. Senator Fisher voting no. Senator Klein changing from yes to no. Senator Jones voting no. Senator Pedersen voting no. Senator Schmitt voting no.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 17 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate does not cease. I raise the call. Senator Beutler, your light is next to continue discussion on LR 41.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd waive for the moment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Excuse me, Senator?

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Inaudible).

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brown, your light is next.

SENATOR BROWN: The purpose of this constitutional amendment is not, as Senator Beutler said, to destroy the institution itself. But I would say that there are a number of other agencies which regulate, and none of them are constitutional. And as we are entering into our property tax discussion, we're going to be making some very, very hard decisions about the appropriate structure and role of government. And I'd like to quote to you from the...from LR 297. The issue of property tax relief cannot be separated from the issue of providing public services which are needed by the citizens of Nebraska. Any long-term, conscientious solution to the problems of excessive property taxes must examine issues of government consolidation and cooperation, accountability to the taxpayers, the proper