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you know, insist that this bill go through in our fashion or, or, you know, just insist on that, you know, we could probably, through sheer brute force, do that. But it's not always good to do that. As a matter of fact it's usually not good to do that. This is an area where...you know the arguments that Senator Wickersham has brought up about the original commitment to put income into the formula, you know, he very eloquently stated that point of view and it's a very valid argument. My concern is that that commitment that we made has damaged other portions of the bill that were to me more important. But there have been strong arguments made and we probably ought not to just simply force our will on. I think this is a...is a good move to make. The income tax rebate is still capped at a dollar amount, which is what philosophically, but it's not as draconian as the original bill was and it's something that, that I can support in the spirit of trying to move the, the process on on this bill so I plan to vote in favor of the bill.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Withem, your light is next. Did you wish to continue? Senator Withem waives off. Next is Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bernard-Stevens calls the question. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Please vote your preference. Those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Wickersham, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I think or I hope that at this point everyone understands the amendment. It is a simple amendment. I have mixed feelings about offering the amendment, quite frankly, but after the last vote I think I understand what the will of this body is. At least this amendment makes it consistent with what I understood the objectives to be in capping the income tax rebate at a specific dollar amount. And I would simply ask your support for the amendment, although I do that with some degree of ambivalence.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the closing. The issue before the body is the Wickersham amendment to the committee amendments of LB 1050. Those who are