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before us yet. So the question before...I guess I was trying to clarify that, I'm becoming more confused. I think I am, I am moving to the point that what I understand is that if we are going to have anything dealing with the rebate, we need to adopt this particular amendment at this point. Okay, thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Beutler. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, those opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR COORDSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Bohlke, to close on this division of the committee amendments. We're closing on Floor Amendment 438, the income tax rebate division two of the committee amendments.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. When we started this debate we had 83.3 million in the income tax rebate pot. As with the Wickersham amendment we now have 102 million in the income tax rebate pot. We have increased the amount of money in income tax rebate. Senator Wickersham raised the issue that when we said we were going back to the original proposal of...when 1059 was passed, when it was fully implemented, the two-year phase in, that actually it was not 83.3 million but by the time they ended the two-year phase in it was at 102 million. A number of us said, I said I agree with him philosophically, that that was something we had not done and that, in fact, I was in agreement with that as long...and as were a number of other senators. So what we have done is increased that amount of money to 102 million. Now you have always two pots of money. You have an equalization pot and you have an income tax rebate pot. What we have done is we have not given as much money over into the equalization pot, we have left more there in the income tax rebate. It's a compromise, I believe, that a number of us have struck on the floor and a good, a good compromise. And I think Senator Wickersham raised a good point and I thank the people who were on LB 1145 who recognized that and said at this point they would support that amendment. And therefore I ask you to support the amendments before you as far as the income tax rebate. Thank you.