

Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Would the members all return to the Chamber, record your presence. Unauthorized parties leave the floor. Members return to the floor. The house is under call. Unauthorized parties leave the floor. Senator Dierks, could you please check in. Senator Pedersen, Senator Schmitt, Senator Schrock. Senator Elmer, Senator Fisher, Senator Jones. Senator Fisher and Senator Warner, please return to the Chamber. Senator Fisher, we need your presence in the Chamber. As I understand, his office cannot locate him. I would appreciate it if a Sergeant at Arms would help locate Senator Fisher. Senator, we have sent people out. Senator Fisher cannot be located. Mr. Clerk, the question before the body is, shall debate now cease? The roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll on the question of shall debate now cease. The underlying question is the Bernard-Stevens amendment to bracket.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1458-59 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Well, an unusual thing happened to me today. Senator Matzke had a few Girl Scouts that he was speaking to and they were a delightful bunch. And he asked, and he may regret that now, but he asked if I would come down and at least talk to them. And, you know, I could only talk to them for about five minutes which is a shock, I know, to all of you that I could only do five minutes; but the reason I couldn't go anymore is I couldn't stay in the same room with them. I was breaking up. And the reason I was breaking up is I couldn't look into their eyes. I still have a hard time. They were so hopeful and I know what we're going to be doing to them. As Senator Chambers would say, the word "blazes." It scares the blazes out of me. This motion is a bracket motion that technically would put this bill, Senator Cudaback's bill, which whether he wanted it to or not is now directly tied into the property tax measures. Senator Cudaback's bill, whether he wanted it to or not, and this is how things work in the process, Senator Cudaback's bill