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LB 171

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Debate does cease. Senator Kristensen, you are recognized to close on LB 171.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. This is an interesting debate. Tax...good tax debate is interesting. I know most people find it boring, but it...it is interesting because it brings out all the various facets that state government has, and I think what is so crucial here is that you have to make decisions. Now, Senator Beutler talks about money and the green sheet, but you've got to look at it a different way. You don't see an addition on to the green sheet because there's going to be a bump in the amount of sales tax these people are going to pay. You don't see an increase in revenue put on to the sheet because this bill magically appeared and all of a sudden it came to light that there was going to be an additional amount of sales occurred. That's the difference between a revenue reducer and an appropriation. It is a loss of money to the state, but that is a different argument than Senator Beutler says, look, if you've got a bill that you want that's got an A bill you're not going to be able to do it because bills like this are going to take money away from you. That's not necessarily true. We make a variety...look down the sheet. We've got varieties of things that come from tax policy yet this year. We look at each one of them on the basis. Tell me how many of those mandates have the profound impact that this one has? This is a huge change. The broadcasters don't come every other year, they don't come every four years, they don't come every five years. They have been here once in the twelve years I've been here. They've come once before on a small item. This is a huge change for them. We struggle on this floor every day to get our message out and our message is I wish people knew what we did on the floor of the Legislature. It's hard to get that message out. Senator Matzke says, well, the TV stations don't serve my area. I don't want to have to stand up and give