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SPEAKER BROMM: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question then before the body is, shall debate cease? All in favor please vote aye and opposed nay. We're voting on whether to cease debate. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Landis, you're recognized to close on FA1325.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This is the place where the Brashear plan and the extension of LB 1085 concepts merge. They're the same. Senator Brashear brought us this provision and the committee endorsed it. And I've listened to the debate, and it sounds to me that we were well within our comfort zone. This is the closing, so I will offer some time to Senator Janssen. When he is done, if he'd give it back. If there are others who did want to make a remark or two, we've got the closing to do that. I'd be happy to share time. I'd yield the time to Senator Janssen.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Janssen, there are four minutes and twenty seconds.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Bromm. I won't take up that much time. I just wanted to talk a little bit about what happened in 1997, I believe it was, when we did lower the income tax to where it was at now. And at that time we had all kinds of money, you know, and we felt as though we owed that to the people who paid a lot of income tax, to see a little relief. As the bill progressed, I had offered an amendment to lower the sales tax by a half a percent at that time, which I felt as though if we were going to help the people that paid a lot of income tax, we should certainly help the person out there on the street who was buying the consumer goods, to give them a little relief also. The next year, though, there was...I happened to be in the hospital with some heart problems and I remember Senator Chambers called me at home and asked me if it would be all right with me if he brought that half a percent