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recognize that if we broaden the sales tax base, I'm...which I support by the way, it is going to be a benefit to the cities because they have their city sales tax. What are we, as rural advocates, going to get in return? This is one thing we can do. This is one thing we can do to help the beleaguered ag sector, the sector that is still the most important part of my 38th Legislative District. It's agriculture. The census just came out. All seven of my counties lost population, one of them quite dramatically. I don't know how we're going to turn that around because we don't need as many people out there farming the land. But the ones that are left out there are facing a tough burden with their taxes, and the personal property taxes are the worst. They are the worst. They are so bad that seven of our bordering states have recognized that it is bad for tax policy. And it's time that Nebraska get on board. You're going to get a chance to be on record here. Are you going to vote to eliminate ag personal property or are you going to vote to leave it on? That is the question with the amendment. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been asked. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM1479 to AM1445? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall debate cease on the Schrock AM1479, which is to AM1445 to LB 759? Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close on your AM1479.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, just a brief rundown on what this does. It strikes Section 16, the income tax credit for active farmers. It exempts ag personal property taxation. It leaves the property tax levy for schools the same as amended at \$1.10. And I would remind you that at least in my district