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**SPEAKER BROMM:** Senator Beutler.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** I would pass, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Senator Beutler waives off. Senator Landis.

**SENATOR LANDIS:** Question.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Senator Landis is calling the question on the underlying amendment, AM1445. Do I see five hands? I do. The question then before us is whether debate shall cease. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** 32 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Debate does cease. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

**SENATOR BRASHEAR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Thank you all for your patience and your consideration of AM1445. This is about, in round numbers, this is about \$50 million. I still contend that. It's about spending \$50 million less from the General Fund. It's about \$50 million worth of targeted discriminate property tax relief. It's focused at those people who I believe have had the least of the property tax relief and are entitled to property tax relief. It turns back the clock only a very short period. It goes back to 2001, when we said we will take on \$100 million more of the obligation with regard to our schools in the name of property tax relief, and we will benefit all the people. We have not, we cannot continue that. We are not good on our promise. We cannot afford to keep the promise. We need to give notice to the people that we cannot afford to keep that promise. We need to adjust our public policy so that we do not pull the rug out from under people. By utilizing this mechanism, we can deal with the new reality of saving \$50 million as it relates to General Fund expenditures. We cannot abandon any of those who most need property tax relief, have come to rely upon it. So we are effectively transitioning them to the new economy and the new reality. I voted for the Schrock amendment because it