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hands. The question before us then is, shall debate cease? All in favor say aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does not cease. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler waives. Senator Brashear. Senator Brashear waives. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, we've talked about a lot of the different elements in this proposal, but the one element that struck my eye is on page 3, line 26. Says that, "Revenue generated by state regulation and taxation of casino gambling, as determined by the Legislature, shall be appropriated exclusively to the Nebraska Future Trust Fund." And then later on, when it says how they would spend it, it says it shall be used for community improvement to specifically include economic development. The only thing I wanted to say is that when I hear from my constituents and they ask for casino gambling, I ask them why and they say one thing--we want tax relief. When we voted for the lottery we thought that we were going to have tax relief in funding education. They didn't see that happen. They're hoping for tax relief; specifically, they'd love to see property tax relief, but at this point in time any kind of tax relief, and this amendment doesn't provide that to them. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Smith. Senator Smith, did you call the question?

SENATOR SMITH: (Microphone malfunction) Yes, question.

SPEAKER BROMM: I see five hands. All in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye quickly. Now please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Brashear, recognized to close on the motion. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to close on the motion to return.