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a possible solution. Why will I suppose...why will I oppose Senator...he's not even there now. Oh. (Laugh) Senator Brashear's amendment. I don't want to raise the gas tax either. How do we know what the cost of fuel is going to be 30 years from now, 29, 28, 27, 5, or 10 years from now? Suppose it's \$2.20 a gallon.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Every penny, every fraction of a penny, will mean a great deal. So you are more than rolling the dice with Senator Brashear's proposal. I think it is innovative, and something that ought to be considered and discussed. But after all has been said and done, we're going to have to have a combination of approaches to arrive at what will get us to what can be called a solution. I still believe there's going to have to be an income tax increase. Senator Brashear summed it up right, and everybody knows it who can count. This amendment, if adopted, will make a lesser tax increase necessary. Without this amendment, and with only the committee amendment, you're going to have more heartburn on Select File, and maybe this amendment will look better then. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, on the Chambers amendment, FA1580.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on FA1580? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted who care to on the question to cease debate, Chambers amendment, FA1580 to committee amendments? Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate...it was successful. Debate does cease. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on FA1580.