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would rather see it on some type of an income tax. The way I could support this sales tax, it's a small amount but it's for a short period of time. Senator Beutler's amendment that takes it off the electricity is something that I would certainly support, because anything on another power source is just another tax. At the present time, we're paying a sales tax on your electric bill. If any of you would notice, why, you do pay sales tax on your residential rates for your...for your...for your houses and your residence, so whether you're paying sales tax for your propane gas to heat your house or whether you're doing it on electricity, you're already paying sales tax. Put another 3 or 5 percent on; then you're talking about 8 or 9 percent of a sales tax on your residential housing, besides the fact you're paying property tax on it. So at the present time, I don't know as I can exactly vote for this, but I think as the afternoon wears on, why, I think we're probably getting closer all the time. I did like to see that we got away from the other part and started moving with the...with some discussion on something that was worthwhile. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Loudon. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, there's increasing uncertainty about that question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction) Roll call vote.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: There has been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1431.)
34 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Madam President.