

out, nobody outside of Omaha is going to be a loser in the process. In fact, everybody is going to be gaining, and it is going to be a more equitable distribution of the tax dollars because, as I have always said, because a community collects more taxes than it gets...gets more return back from the sales tax, state sales tax than it collects doesn't mean that it doesn't spend money and, in fact, where the money is spent doesn't mean that that's where it is generated.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So I guess I would be a strong supporter of this proposition if I thought that there was any chance that it could move, and could be maybe some kinds of adjustments made that may, in fact, level out some areas where there may be a little inequity, but, you know, in the total overall, it looks to me like something that if we can't do this year, we certainly ought to be working desperately to work out a plan for it in the coming years to more level out the playing field for all of us in this great State of Nebraska, who have to pay taxes and have to support our local governments. So with that. I thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I call the question.

SENATOR CROSBY: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed. We are voting on ceasing debate, have you all voted? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President, are there any more lights on?

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, there are. There are nine lights on.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, well, there is only two lights after...I am sorry, because we are in between people who've...there is only two lights on after you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, and have those people spoken three times already?