

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That is correct and we will not take up the criminal code for the hour tomorrow because several key contributors to the criminal code who would be making presentations would not be here. So you will go right into General File when you get off of Select File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the body if, with your permission, for a call of the question so I could close and we could finish it in a matter of five minutes.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That would be agreeable to me, if it's agreeable to the body.

PRESIDENT: You ask for unanimous consent to close debate?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, I will.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? I see no objection. Senator Bereuter please close debate on the matter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I will be asking for a Call of the House and I ask for that now to expedite the final vote.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the House go under call. Record your vote. Record. Report the vote Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes to have a call of the House.

PRESIDENT: The House is under call. Senator Bereuter will proceed with his closing debate as the Sergeant-at-Arms tries to find all members. Please return to your desks and record your presence while Senator Bereuter is discussing his close.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I would yield 1 or 1½ minutes of my close time to Senator Schmit who wished to speak on the motion.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Thank you Senator Bereuter. I would like to rise in support of the motion to bring LB 43 to the floor. I am a member of the board of directors of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska and so I have a conflict of interest and I want to announce that at this time. I think that I represent all of the people of the state of Nebraska when I say that we have all watched the increased cost of hospital care. We have watched over construction of some areas; we have watched the escalating costs of increased services. We have not been apprised properly of the reason for some of those costs. I believe it would be in the best interest of all of us and the people of the state of Nebraska to bring the bill to the floor and to discuss it thoroughly as it deserves to be discussed and I would urgently request you to at least put the bill on General File. Thank you Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, thank you Senator Schmit for your comments. I appreciate them. I'd like to say first to Senator Rasmussen and others that the wording in that editorial is not something that I mentioned and I regret that fact if it's a factor in influencing you. It is true that the federal government is about to act and we're going to