

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of this body, I would like to tell the members of this body that no one came to the public hearing to oppose this. The bill came out of committee without any negative votes. You will be doing your constituents a favor to put us in the plus column and, Mr. President, I would request a call of the house so that persons will have an opportunity to be here to vote on this issue.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, so we understand, would you request a call of the house at the time we vote or there is still...there...

SENATOR MARSH: At the time we vote.

PRESIDENT: All right, thank you. Senator Brad Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I just want to make a couple of brief points. I think this is a very significant bill. I believe that this does give us an opportunity to send a message to our legislators in Washington that they, too, must abide by good budgetary considerations and, more importantly, in contrast to Senator Chambers, this is a bill which is grounded in the history of this country and that gives it not only significance but it gives us an opportunity to make our point within a forum that has developed over a long period of years. I think this is a great opportunity for us. I think it is significant. I think we should all support it. I fervently support Senator Marsh in her efforts in this matter and had there been significant opposition to it, that opposition would have come to the fore at the time of the public hearing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, then Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Point of order.

PRESIDENT: Yes.