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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The motion is to...those in favor of calling the question vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is successful. Senator Cudaback to close on LB 113.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President and members, I guess I'm just always sorry it takes so much time. But I guess that is what we're here for, to debate, and debate a bill, and I'm glad for all the questions. There are some unanswered questions perhaps and I'm glad we brought these. We are a trusting body and I think perhaps maybe Senator Chambers has a point there. Maybe we shouldn't put restrictions on these cards and we don't have to. We do not have to if we currently don't, I guess, and so we can address that. And as far as the cost of this, I'm assured that they will not have to add a person to administer this bill, and I guess we'll trust them again here. But I guess you know what this bill does. Just don't lose sight of what it does. It authorizes us to give a person a credit card rather than charge, the same as companies currently do. Hundreds of employees, thousands, or millions, or whatever, we are not reinventing the wheel, and I guess you understand that as well as I do. I won't reiterate what I've said here, but I appreciate what you've done and all your contributions as far as talk, and we can amend this on Select. That's what Select File is for. So with that, I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and Senator Cudaback. Actually you said some of the things that I was going to mention, and one is that DAS did come in at the hearing and say there wouldn't need to be a fiscal note on this, that they could absorb the cost. I think we need to keep in mind what this bill is all about, and this bill is an attempt to be more efficient, to save money. You got a handout in your materials that showed the kinds of multiple bills or multiple warrants that are being issued now to certain vendors. It seems