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SENATOR VENDITTE: In other words, at this point in time there have been no boundaries set?

SENATOR NEWELL: No. Let me also say, Senator Venditte, just to answer Senator Stoney's point. Most counties in this state have district elections and the county commissioners in every one of those counties with district elections draw the boundaries and so the objection that the county commissioners shouldn't do it is contrary to what we do in every other county in the state.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak on the motion? We have about a little less than three minutes left. The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Very briefly, the people of Douglas County have their God-given right and their home rule charter. Within the city, within the county our laws presently provide that they may change from at large to district, from district to at large, that they can go from commissioner to supervisor and so help me, we are once more going to dictate to local government. We forty-nine who are smarter than three hundred fifty thousand people in Douglas County who will have to live with it, that we will tell them how they should make their decision and I, for one, think it is another invasion of local authority and will oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Any more lights on, sir? Otherwise I ask for the question. We've only got two minutes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Shall debate cease? Do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. The question is, shall we cease debate? Have you all voted? Do you wish to cease debate? If you do vote aye, if not, vote no. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I would like to have a Call of the House. We are going to need it anyway.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, clear the board, Mr. Clerk. All those in favor of the house going under Call, vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators