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and the right of an individual to participate in the political process because of a feared set of coercive circumstances. I will support LB 484 because I do not think a substantial case has been made against it and, secondly, because the law does now proscribe and prohibit coercive conduct of exactly the nature that has been complained of by the critics of LB 484.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. Chairman, I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Are there five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion has carried. Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell to close on the bill.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, it is nice to have an opportunity to talk about this noncontroversial bill and indeed mistakenly I thought it was noncontroversial, since it in fact made this section of statute which deals only with deputy sheriffs in conformance with other statutes on the books of the State of Nebraska. Let me speak for a moment about LB 484. You know I am not a graduate of a Harvard or Yale or Creighton or even the University Law School and I do not know these fine arguments that most people have brought forth talking about rights and privileges and other types of things. I am the Chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee with some understanding about LB 484, and to bring the bill and the discussion back to LB 484 might be beneficial in the close. LB 484 deals with sheriff's departments not with police. Police, my colleagues, presently have the same rights that this bill would allow sheriffs, not firemen, my colleagues, because firemen have those rights, not other public employees because they all have these rights. The only people that do not have these rights, and let me add for Senator Hoagland's benefit, not the public defenders and not the county attorneys and not, this bill only deals with county sheriffs most of which are under civil service. As Senator Hoagland pointed out he felt that they needed at least to have those protections of civil service. Senator Landis so eloquently pointed out that we have other statutes dealing with coercion and so forth. Well, let me say this, that this bill as amended