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SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. The question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate does not cease. Senator Stoney, then Senator Duis.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Lewis in his remarks indicated that I, as Chairman of Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee had appointed him to serve in this particular capacity and I would just like to clarify for the record that that was a reappointment but not that he was not doing a good job because he certainly was. I should also indicate that as a chairman of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee here in the State of Nebraska I had an opportunity to serve as a member of the Executive Committee for the Midwest Conference of State Governments and I know that this proposal was addressed on numerous occasions when meetings were held and many many times the proposal was rejected and revisions were requested. Now I have taken the time to go over the form that we have before us here and it supercedes tremendously any of the former drafts that I had seen as a member. I was not privy and had the opportunity to consider this issue from its inception to where we are at this point in time but I would say that the bill in its present form is one that should be given serious consideration by our state here. As everyone knows I am fairly conservative and I certainly am cautious in spending tax dollars but I do think that we are talking about a situation here that would require cooperation on the part of a number of states here in the midwest region. We are talking about optimum utilization. We are talking about reciprocal agreements and I think it is something that we most seriously have to consider. So I am sorry that I must rise in opposition to Senator Murphy in this particular occasion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and, Frank, if you would listen to me just a moment. I am torn just a little betwixt and between and I've got to go back and do a little reminiscing for you. In 1951 when I first came in here we had a Governor, Val Peterson,