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security system who is concerned that cable TV will move into the security business, basically the burglar alarm business and use their cable for this function. He is very concerned about them being able to move into these other areas. I know that customers in Lincoln have been concerned about the city council here decision not to have public hearings on rate increases. Senator Dworak has indicated, so I don't think that think that the relationship is as cozy, or as friendly perhaps as they would like to have you believe. I think that we should keep the amendment on. I think that we should defeat Senator Haberman's motion. I think that the only alternative to this is either no control, which basically exists now, or to move to state control. I don't think that this legislature really wants right now to support state control for cable TV.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Question is shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Question is shall debate cease on the motion to return LB 495? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays to cease debate Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries, debate ceases. Senator Haberman you may close on your motion to amend.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow legislators far be it from me to correct a experienced senior senator like Senator Newell. However the Urban Affairs Committee held a public hearing on this bill, where only the proponents appeared. The bill was voted out of committee without an amendment or a dissent. On General File the bill was advanced without any amendments. So, I'm kind of embarrassed to say that Senator Newell your remarks were not quite correct. Another thing, is this allows and implies that the citizens have a voice in the programming of cable TV. I don't know what they are trying to do with this voice, but the cable TV people have no control over the programming. No control whatsoever as these are national networks or independent networks. So, I would say that due to the bill coming out clean, that the amendments are there for a reason that haven't been explained. I think that it opens up a can