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five hands. The question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on ceasing debate?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR KELLY: I believe that we should have a Call of the House and bring the people in to handle these noncontroversial bills.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, a Call of the House has been requested. Would you clear the board, please? All those in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 1 nay to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All unauthorized people will leave the floor. All senators will take their seats and record in, please. Senator Murphy, for what reason do you want recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. President, a question of the Chair, if I may? Does this bill contain the grandfather clause?

SENATOR CLARK: Either that or the grandmother clause, I don't know which. Senator Kelly, do you want to authorize call in votes? Call in votes will be accepted. It is on ceasing debate.

CLERK: Senator Dworak had voted aye, Senator Powers voting aye, Senator Clark voting aye, Senator Merz voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Stoney, you are recognized for closing.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I appreciate Senator Johnson's concern but I do think that there are the proper and sufficient safeguards in this provision because the court would have that discretion to make the final determination as to whether or not this is in the best interests of the child and I do have confidence in the abilities of the courts to make this decision and I think it would be very very beneficial to those grandparents who are presently disenfranchised. I would move for the advancement of the bill.