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know that they could have put a ten percent increase if they get behind.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those wishing to cease debate will vote aye. All those opposed will vote nay. Have you all voted? Ceasing debate. If everyone would vote, I don't care how you vote, but if you would vote we could get out of here one way or the other. Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten, is this your amendment to the Koch amendment? This is the Koch amendment, Mr. Clerk? All right. Senator Koch, do you wish to close? Did you have an amendment to this amendment? Go ahead, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, to try to clear up some confusion, what we are talking about from the time this bill passes, we are saying that if people exercise the local option and there is a lid that lid will self-destruct at two years. However, if the board of governors, whoever those are and might be, if they ask the people to reconsider their action in one year, they can do this, and Omaha and Nebraska City do not fall under this. They are grandfathered out. It's talking about any lids that should happen beyond this point, and there are no lids happening right now beyond this point. There are a couple of communities considering it, but that is not the point for us to be debating here, and I believe if people go through the experience of Nebraska City and Omaha one time, and Senator Carsten, I know he is very serious and I understand his empathy for that community, they will want to get out. That board won't have to worry about exercising the prerogative of the people and say, let's go to the vote because we don't want this again. They will learn a lesson. And others are going to learn a lot of lessons too in this state before we are done that lids do not solve problems, they create more problems and they create greater expenses. So the amendment that I have is very simple. It takes ten percent of the people to get a petition going, which I don't think is unreasonable when you look at the number of