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senator, whether it be anybody, if we allow threat and intimidation to guide our votes, the legislative system as we know it is dead. Now Senator Bernice, it is my understanding she feels she was personally, physically threatened. Is that correct, Senator Labedz?

SENATOR LABEDZ: By telephone.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I am not going into that now. She can discuss that with you herself. My point is very simple. I believe that because of the high emotion of this particular issue that a lot of people may have gone overboard on all sides in what they may or may not have done on this issue. All I ask you is allow the issue to be voted on without fear of reprisal on any side, without fear of threat in any direction, personal or political or otherwise, and at least allow the issue for the first time to be voted on as to whether we want to afford the people of Omaha the simple option to vote themselves under their home rule charter on whether they want this. I would also say this vote is the issue. How you vote on this, how you vote on this should be a reflection, a reflection of whether you ever even think the people of Omaha have a right to vote on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the suspension of the rules as explained by Senator DeCamp. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I am going to ask for a roll call vote, a Call of the House and a roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Shall the House go under Call? All those in favor of placing the House under Call vote aye, opposed vote no. Record. Record, Patrick.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 3 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record your presence. Senator George, Senator Cope, Senator Keyes, Senator Schmit, Senator Kahle, Senator Kremer, Senator Haberman, Senator Venditte. Senator Keyes and Senator Newell. Mr. Sergeant at Arms, Ray.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Let her go.