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PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is, shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 21 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to thank you for giving me an opportunity to defend the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, and this is very hard for me to get up and talk against my good friend and colleague, Senator Kahle from Kearney. I know that his committee would do a good job on this too. But I think there is more to it than just this. I think we have got to remember here that this body just a few weeks ago elected a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Exec Board who also serves as a Reference Committee, and not only that we have caucuses from the various districts across the state and these caucuses elected the members of this committee, and so I think we must realize that they have done a terrific job in referencing these different bills to the various committees. I am not saying that they are always a hundred percent correct, but I think they try to do a conscientious and a sincere job. Now I would like to take a few minutes and talk to you about the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. I think we have a good committee. I am proud of them. Senator Landis said that we have quite a few freshman Senators on, and I like this because they are good conscientious men. They are men that can listen to testimony and then come up with what I consider a fair and just decision, and I think this is what we need. There was mention that there was nobody on from Lancaster County on the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, and this is true, but I can assure you as Chairman of this committee that I will be fair to the Lancaster County delegation. I think that we won't have too much work to do in this particular county because according to one of the Lincoln papers they haven't lost any population. They haven't gained any population and so I think they will not be a problem there. Ten years ago this body, or the body that was here at that particular time, the Senators that were here, gave this to the Miscellaneous Subjects. I could not see that this redistricting favored the Democrats. I don't think that this group will favor the Republicans this year. I certainly hope they don't. So I would say to you this morning, let's follow the Executive Board's or the