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Well, my point is this, that the times that I know about when it has been on the ballot, the voters of the State of Nebraska have turned it down and I wondered if you had some reason to believe that there has been a change of thought throughout the state in this matter.

SENATOR BEUTLER: As I understand it, Senator Rumery, never before has it been presented in the form that it will be presented this time and this time the language is going to be there for the voters to see that any one member of the Legislature can require a reading at large and I am convinced that will make a difference to them.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope and then Senator Clark and then Senator Newell and then Senator Vickers. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: I was going to call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Shall debate cease is the issue before the House. To cease debate. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler. Senator Cope, this is...okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I have been here thirteen years now and I have heard this over and over again. I think if you look back and find out why that Final Reading was there in the first place, it was there because all bills were handwritten. No one could read them. The Clerk was the only one that could read them. That is why he read the bills. They had no printing capabilities at that time. Consequently, the Senators never got a copy of that bill in a printed form so they could read it. That is exactly why it was there. I also agree to the fact that when you put this on the ballot, it has been there three times now, and the people have overwhelmingly said, "Sit there and read the bill or listen to the mumbling, whatever is going on". So I am kind of caught in the middle. I know why originally it was put on. That has been removed because now we get a copy of the bill and they are all printed. The only bad thing is if you put it on, someone says you are going to waste \$25,000, that may