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LB 125

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Chambers, I am going to rule the same way that I have always ruled on this question, that if there are twenty-five votes to cease debate, I am going to honor those twenty-five votes. We have had extensive debate on this particular issue and there has been one speaker for and against on this particular motion to advance in addition to all the other debates so I am going to rule that the motion is in order and call for all those in favor of ceasing debate to vote. So all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow colleagues, here I go again, fellow colleagues, members of the Legislature. I would like to call your attention to one thing before you vote on this bill and that out there in the State of Nebraska is a big giant and this giant has been sleeping. He hasn't been paying too much attention to what we are doing down here, but now he is becoming to wake up. I am getting phone calls and getting letters supporting my stand against LB 125. The silent majority is becoming aware is what is happening. So to all you Senators who are voting for this bill, remember, the silent majority is becoming aware of what it is, and when the bill passes as it is going to do as you can see from the activity on the floor this morning, the moving around and the talking, when this bill passes and when you get home and when the silent majority talks to you, remember, remember, Senators, that you were reminded of the silent majority, of the thousands and thousands and thousands of people out there who don't even know we are discussing this bill. And I can prove this point because it came up in a hearing yesterday, somebody asked the opposition to a bill, "Where were you last year?" and they said, "We didn't even know the bill was being introduced." Ya, there are a lot of people in the State of Nebraska that don't get daily newspapers. They don't know what bills we have down here but they are becoming aware of this one. So remember when you vote, the silent majority is becoming awake. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Labedz to yield to a question.