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SPEAKER MARVEL: Is Senator Labeledz in the room?

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz, did you call the question? Do I see five hands? The question before the House is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Carsten, do you want to close?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to suggest to you that whether you bring this bill to the floor, pass it, whether you don't and you pass Senator DeCamp's bill, what guarantee do you have in any one of them that next year there will be a bill here to change it? I don't think you can guarantee anything. One other point I want to make is this. You have observed or will shortly in the new census that rural areas are losing ground, and the rural representation in this body will probably unquestionably continue to decline, and you will find yourselves at a point down the road when you are not going to be able to stand on your own and get anything you want without some help from other areas. Senator Hefner, in my opening remarks I recognized the committee system and still do, and as I said earlier, this is the first time in my eleven year career that I have ever stood on this floor and asked for a bill to come from a committee without their consent, and beyond that from my own committee, and if you don't think that doesn't take courage, I would like for you to try it some time. I recognize the seriousness and the conscientiousness of all of my committee members, but I also recognize my own. Senator Haberman, if I would have wanted the whole pie, I would have asked for all population and no valuation, if you are going to talk about pie. One other clarification I want to make in my closing, and that is this, that in my opening remarks I stated that the bill was in its original form and still is when you bring it from the committee without committee consent, and that is 50-50. I also suggested to you and I will fulfill that suggestion that I have