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SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I call the question.

SENATOR KAHLE: Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of closing debate signify by voting aye, those opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Kahle voting aye.

SENATOR KAHLE: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: Debate ceases. Senator Wesely, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: I think we are on the bill, aren't we, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: Excuse me, on the bill.

SENATOR WESELY: On the advancement of the bill. Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there has been a great deal of discussion about the bill. I think I would like to go back again and reiterate some of the key points. Number one, these are the options that the city would have with the adoption of this bill: Number one, they could allow a sign to keep standing when they changed an ordinance on it and it is now nonconforming. They could just say, "Okay, you can just keep your sign up until its get worn down or they want to change the business or whatever. Otherwise, just leave your sign up". Number 2, they could just say, "Well, we don't like that sign so we will pay to relocate it in a place where it is more appropriate", and they would have to pay for that but they could relocate the sign. That wouldn't be as expensive. Then, three, they could just wait and say, "Okay, you can keep your sign up but when you change your business or when you change that sign in any way, that new sign that you would put up would have to come into conformance with this present ordinance". So they have that option. That would be required. Number four, they could say, "Well your sign is a threat to public health and safety. It is kind of rundown. We are going to remove it and you are not going to get compensated". They have that option also. And then, finally, if these options don't appeal to them and they want to get rid of the sign, they can take that sign down but they have to pay that sign owner and that property owner and that business person an appropriate amount of money that would reflect the value