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SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please return to your seats and record your presence. Senator Burrows, Senator Kremer, Senator Wesely, Senator Schmit, Senator Beutler, please record your presence. Senator Kahle, Senator Hefner, Senator Barrett, Senator Wagner, Senator Remmers, Senator Carsten, record your presence please. Senator Beutler, would you please record your presence. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, may we take call-ins to expedite the procedure?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Barrett voting yes. Senator Fenger voting yes. Senator Hefner voting yes. Senator Lamb voting yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All right, record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I would waive closing to Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I think I heard a lot of things that are said loosely and fastly in debate, especially when we are attempting a filibuster. I think the record ought to be set clear as far as the public schools are concerned. I think everybody knows that I personally have been very critical of the public schools in certain areas but I also think in all fairness that the public schools policy has been mandated many times by our pluralistic society through the courts. You know I have heard the quotation used on this floor numerous times throughout this debate, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God." I think we need to think about that a little bit. I can remember reading about the early Christians under Rome, under Caesar. Rome practiced polytheism, wanted to impose their religious belief on the early Christians. The early Christians would not accept it. The early Christians were an asset to Rome and other areas especially in the area of taxation. Rome was bleeding them pretty good and they did not really want that to end so Caesar figured out a way that he would allow the early Christians to go ahead and practice Christianity. The only thing the early Christians had to do was recognize that Caesar was allowing them to practice Christianity. They could practice their religion. He did not stop that. He said, go ahead but you've got to accept the fact that the reason you are practicing it is because

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