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colleagues, for your indulgence. I just hope you will keep those words in mind.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, we had members of the National Elks Association from Jackson, Michigan, Raymond B. Arnold, the Grand Exalted Ruler, were here; and guests of Senator Jim Goll, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Palmer from Tekamah, Nebraska underneath the North balcony. Will you show us where you are so we can say "Good afternoon". Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR HOWARD PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five seconds? Okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, since there are studies that establish what I said about the segregation in Omaha and the white flight, they have even been established by the Department of Transportation, all kinds of human relations groups, probably the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, what Senator Higgins said she said because she had a relative who was upset about something in school and a mistake is made when you extrapolate from one situation to cover an entire spectrum, you make mistakes and your words don't have that much validity nor are they accorded very much weight. But anyway Senator Koch said that this Section 2, and Senator DeCamp said the same thing, is the heart of the bill. Do you think I don't know that? I want that heart, Senator Koch, I want that heart, Senator DeCamp, in the same way I want Dracula's heart if I put the wooden stake through it. I know what it is that I am trying to do and I don't think anybody has any doubts or questions about that. But what needs to be stated for the record clearly because those who support this bill either don't understand language or they don't want to answer honestly as their mind tells them the question ought to be answered. Under this bill, the actions by the State Board of Education are not judgmental. They are ministerial. All that the State Board is allowed to do under this bill is to act. The determination of whether it acts does not arise within any power or prerogative of the State Board of Education. The State Board's act