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LB 726

We're voting to cease debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. Debate ceases. Before we have Senator Haberman close on the amendment, the Chair takes the opportunity of introducing from Senator Carsten's district, 21 juniors and seniors from the Weeping Water High School, Mr. Larry Amends, teacher. They are in the North balcony. Would they show us where they are. Welcome to your Unicameral, Weeping Water. Senator Haberman, you may close now on your amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it sure pleased my heart, it made me feel good to have Senator Schmit bring up the good old boy issue because if I remember correctly we've had a few good old boy issues on this floor, the good old boy Senator Schmit supported. Wheat checkoff, well we'll give it to them so now let's give it to the good old boys and have acorn checkoff. So we gave the corn boys a checkoff and gave the soybeans a checkoff. Now the beet people want a checkoff. Those are all good old boy things. They aren't doing any harm. They are all different areas. They are all promoting their own individual groups of agriculture. Nobody sees anything wrong with this where the wheat people promote wheat, corn people promote corn so what would be wrong with letting the people in the sandhills who have a particular problem, by their own vote and their own NRDs, control themselves because it is a problem that is unique to them? And the issue that a well so many miles away will not affect you, come out to my control area and I'll show you where people have lost their domestic wells due to irrigation wells. Talk to them and see if it doesn't make a difference. And I say we remove surface water from the bill and makes it palatable to me so I would like you to adopt this amendment and pass the bill and give those people the opportunity to put these controls on themselves with 75% of their vote, 75% of the vote and they put it on themselves, not a simple majority and they do it by precincts. They don't take in a whole big area. Let them be the judge. And again I say, then if it doesn't work and they abuse it, we can come back and change it. So I ask you to support this amendment and support the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Alright, the question is the adoption of the first Haberman amendment to LB 726. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Haberman, I don't know how many are absent, excused I should say. How many are excused? Nine.