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are greater than anybody in Lincoln and Omaha and so are the rest of the western legislators, and I am asking for longer sessions so I can do a better job and I feel you can do a better job. So I ask that we do not go to biennial sessions and you do defeat the Warner amendment. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I call the question Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: The question is has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate cease. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I remind everybody you are still on Final Reading. You move around like you are not but you are. I have been giving quite a bit of leeway because I realize what it is like to sit there that long, but you should stay at your...so we can expedite the motions that are coming. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries, debate ceases. Senator Warner you may close on your motion to return.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, as I started out I offered an amendment to kind of get an indication of the sentiment rather than put in a resolution to do this specifically. But I assume that about the only time of the session that this kind of an amendment might have some appeal is towards the end when you are all fully aware of what I at least consider the difficult operating procedure of time limits and it is interesting to note that several of those who oppose it would like to have unlimited time apparently on an annual basis which seems to run contradictory to those who oppose having a biennial session with unlimited as being bad and then yet would support unlimited time for an annual session. In any event the '69 session is referred to from time to time, which did run 165 days, but that is 15 more days than we now meet in two years so that really didn't make much difference and if you throw in the special session and some other things you get pretty close to the same amount of time in Lincoln that occurred then. If you look at the two sessions previous to '69, one was a 149 and the other was 134 days which was even less than what we now meet every year, every two years. So on that basis I don't think it is an argument and I could tell you the real story why the '69 session ran for 165 days but there is no particular need to do that here but there was a very specific reason that that occurred. So I would merely say