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LB 726

SENATOR LANDIS: I call the question, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five hands? Yes, I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Motion is, shall debate cease? I will wait for some of you to get down here but we....okay, let it go. Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: We will continue....motion fails, we will continue. Senator Kremer. The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members, of course, I have spoken to this before and I have set forth the reasons why I was opposing LB 726. At this time I would like to reiterate what I said before plus adding a few other things that I think are important that we ought to recognize as we vote either against or for this bill later on. I again repeat, it is always dangerous to move too fast and I think we are doing that here. I am well aware of the fact there is a great deal of concern in some of the areas of our state. We have a split community, therefore, again it becomes improper at this time unless everyone understands what is going on. One of the best authorities in the State of Nebraska, one that has the facts, that has the data and the background is quite concerned about this bill. I will not identify him at this point. If you want to come to me, I will. But I respect him greatly and he is feeling strongly that if this bill passes, it could generate a rash of lawsuits, rancher against rancher, farmer against farmer, or either one of these against the NRD should they refuse to impose certain rules and regulations that would save his wet meadow, for example. Now let's be aware of that. A number of ranchers have called me and said, we want you to support this bill. When I point out to them what could happen, they begin to back off and say, hey, wait a minute, maybe we better have a second look at this. And that we should do, that I am willing to do in the few months I have got left in this Legislature. I think we need to address the problems in some of these areas, but I think we are moving too fast. I said that the other day and I feel strongly about this. Therefore, I am going to vote to support Senator Peterson's motion to indefinitely postpone. Should it fail, I will vote against the bill at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.