

This issue has been articulated. This issue has been studied. This issue has had a hearing in committee. This issue has had ample coverage in the press. There is no reason, there is no reason whatsoever we cannot make a decision on this issue today. We don't have other pressing business. That is not a reason. We are going to be in Lincoln through tomorrow morning. That is not a reason. There is absolutely no reason not to make a decision other than the hesitancy to make the decision and that is not reason enough. I strongly object to the motion to withdraw.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has ceased.

SENATOR KOCH: For the record and for the members of this body that didn't understand...

SENATOR CLARK: Okay, you are right. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR KOCH: I had my button on.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr.....

SENATOR CLARK: I am going to rule Senator Koch has a right to close because it was his original motion to withdraw the bill. All you did was object. I am not going to put it up to a vote because I can hear I lost already. (Laughter.) Go ahead, Senator Nichol, with your great dissertation.

SENATOR NICHOL: I can't get my microphone on. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, so there won't be any disappointment I would be glad to give Senator Koch as much time as he needs if he would just give me a minute at the end.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, Senator Nichol, I appreciate this. I made the motion to withdraw at the