

hands? Yes, I see five hands. All those in support of calling the question vote aye, those opposed no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate is ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, to close.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. And for those members that are listening on the units, I'll be asking for a call of the house here so we can be sure and get a vote on this particular matter with as many people here as possible but I will not do so simply so they can hear my closing. I'll wait till after the closing before I do the call of the house. I'll just take a...two minutes, if I can, or hopefully even less because I think the body has heard quite enough in arguments on both sides. I think the body has been lobbied hard enough on both sides and I think we're ready to make whatever decision this body cares to make. We've had a lot of emotion at times and that's what some of these issues are when we get to issues such as prayer in the public schools or abortion or cancer and health in our young. Sometimes we get a little emotional and a little personal and I know that happened a little bit yesterday and I want people to know that I certainly have no hard feelings for that which was stated yesterday in the midst of emotion. However, I think the mood is a little bit less emotional right now and I think the mood of the Legislature is, let's look at the issue, try to ferret out all the emotional parts and see if we can get down to the guts of the bill. And I really can't say it much better than my friend Senator Schmit did, is that if we truly think that passage of LB 48, as it is, is going to really solve or really help in the enforcement area, in the areas of oral cancer and minors smoking, then you want to support LB 48 but I think we'd be sadly mistaken. Unfortunately, we'd be sadly mistaken. With the Bernard-Stevens amendment, what we're doing is we're saying we can take a first step here today. We can make it be a little, even more tougher for the industry to give out samplings. We have basically forced the industry to say, yes, we support that, and I have in my hand a letter from the president of the companies that would be saying that not only will they support it and do they support it, but they will be putting in an extensive advertising campaign to make sure that the minors are understandable to the question of what smokeless tobacco can cause, and they will do that. And, in