

leading producer of popcorn last year. It is a notable event that Nebraska produced a record of over 111 million pounds of popcorn to set that new record. And just to further commemorate this achievement I'm pleased to join with the National Oats Company in providing each of you with a sample of North Bend grown and processed popcorn and a special little lapel pin in the shape of popcorn. Please enjoy this all-American nutritious, healthy fun food and wear your lapel pin with a sense of pride in this production achievement for Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: And with that commercial announcement, we thank you. Back to discussion on the bill, Senator Landis followed by Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Landis, on the bill. Senator Landis waives.

SENATOR LANDIS: I call the question. Why not? We've been at it for an hour.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands, please? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Landis, for closing.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Senator Johnson was a light on. I'm going to give him some of my time. If there are other senators who would like a brief moment, I would be happy to share my closing with you. All right. I think yesterday and today in the mornings, on the special orders, we have done what this body does well, or should strive to do more often and that is to debate in a slow and deliberative manner important, significant public issues. These last two mornings have been good days for the Legislature and I appreciate the discussion and the thoughtfulness that has gone into the discussion here today. I tell you that LB 361, whether or not you're a supporter of a constitutional amendment or not, needs to be done because it is the fastest, most efficient way to get to a constitutional standard for agricultural land valuation. The fact that we have done it so long the other way and have come to live with that system, and comfortable with it, makes this a painful thing to do but it has to be done. It is our duty and we need to do it today. For those of us who have a sense of the