

consequences, we think we need some help. And this amendment will do that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem is announcing that he has a guest under the north balcony, Mr. Dean Loftus, County Commissioner from Sarpy County. Mr. Loftus, would you please stand. Also, in our east balcony Senator Ashford has 14 fourth grade students from Brownell-Talbot School in Omaha with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and take a bow. Thank you. We're pleased to have you. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now 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 Pirsch, to close.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 218 is a policy question, one which our law enforcement has asked us for, has asked us through the summer when we were meeting on this issue and also asked through their association in the Judiciary Committee. It has been well discussed today, and that's good, that this is also in another section and is indeed the same language. What we are asked by those law enforcement and county attorney is if that would be clarified in that case of a household dispute. That is the other section that we are adding, specifically for that, but not expanding the police's power but confirming and affirming their responsibility to use their good judgment in arrest. It is the same language, it is in this section to give clarification to that law enforcement officer who responds to one of the more difficult law enforcement problems that we have, and that is for the household members to get that violent person some help, and I will give the rest of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens if he chooses.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, approximately three minutes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'll just need a minute. There have been some good arguments both pro and con on the amendment and I knew there would be. I knew when we offered the amendment there