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us at the last minute, here's your idea, take it or leave it. It's a lousy idea, won't do anything. It's the same old tired ideas. It's time for us to do better by rural Nebraska than this proposal and I will remain committed to try to do things right for rural Nebraska instead of just giving them lip service. I urge you to reject this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Haberman and Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR HEFNER: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Finally we'll simply get to a vote on the amendment and we can move on, hopefully move 813 this morning, get to 814 which is where the body needs to be as soon as possible. I appreciate the discussion on the amendment. It has been lively and it has been good and it's been healthy, and I think a lot of points have been made today. And I think the executive branch is listening. They have to be stung a little bit by the comments, but that's good. DED has been listening and I'm sure they've been stung, and that's good. We need to always remind the bureaucracy of the intent of the Legislature, what we demand and what we believe the people of Nebraska deserve. Senator Scofield made some good points as well, but, Sandy, Sandy, Sandy, we brought in every emotion, every possible angle we can on this amendment. We've gotten on this amendment, and I really chuckled on this one, doomed the Panhandle was the phrase, doomed the Panhandle. I don't think it's going to doom the Panhandle. Phrases like, Senator Baack's amendment is better, that's great, but Senator Baack's amendment is not here, it's on another bill and I'm supporting Senator Baack's amendment because it, too, can be very beneficial. Senator Baack's amendment has nothing to do with this amendment. I would hope that DED would support Senator Baack's amendment. I'm going to support Senator Baack's