

work out in my district, they have agreed that this kind of a change that Senator Lamb proposes would be very helpful. When I spoke before I didn't voice either support or opposition to the Lamb amendment. And I mainly wanted to speak again to express my support and urge the membership also to support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Call the question.

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

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

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Lamb, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, I'd like to point out that we do various things in various areas of this diverse state based on population or whatever. We have various classes of cities, laws apply to different classes of cities, based on size. We have different sizes of counties. We do different things in different counties based on sizes. We do different things in different school districts based on...partially on size and other considerations. So this is not a new concept, it's an effort to try to accommodate the needs of Nebraskans, depending on their situation in this state, where they live, where they live. And, as I mentioned before, this amendment would merely raise, from three to five, the number of youngsters that a day care person could care for without state certification, in small counties, in those counties of 15,000 or less. We have looked at the population that this affects. Only 400 counties, totaling 440,000, would be affected, whereas counties with a population, total population of 1,129,000 would not be affected, 1,129,000 would not be affected. Those are the more populace counties, the more thickly populated counties that would not come under the exemption granted by this amendment. It's an amendment which, frankly, is needed in the more rural areas. It is an exemption from the requirements which are not nearly as necessary in those thinly populated areas as they are in a more densely populated area where you really don't know your neighbor