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enough time on this issue. We've discussed the pros and cons of it. Most of us feel that Dr. Thorson is very well qualified to be confirmed to this appointment. And so, at this time, I would just say that we'll...I'd like to see it voted up or down, and go from there.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Byars, please, followed by Senator Schellpeper, Senator Lamb, Senator Rod Johnson, and Senator Moore. Senator Byars. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is an issue, I guess, that I have some mixed feelings over. If you look at the qualifications, like everybody has said, you just can't turn the individual down, because he's very, very qualified. If you look at his personality and how he deals with people out in the area, that's another issue. And I think that's maybe what we should be looking at, but yet you want somebody that is very qualified. So it's a very...you have two issues here. I think Senator Kristensen made a very good point when he gave his short speech. But I don't know really what we would accomplish if we did not approve Senator...Dr. Thorson. But we're going to have to weigh the issue, I guess, what's important to the people of Nebraska. And when you look at that, you have to think that maybe...even though he's really qualified that maybe we could find somebody else that could let the people of Nebraska feel a little more at ease. And so, for that reason I guess, I probably will not vote for the confirmation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please, followed by Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Landis.

SENATOR LAMB: I would call for the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Okay. I'm going to go ahead and call the question. If somebody wants to object...because there isn't much to argue about in suspending the rules, that I would think you should all know, but it's up to you. So, the question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I'd like a call of the house.

PRESIDENT: Okay. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.