

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. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, let's don't call the house. If they want to talk, let them talk.

PRESIDENT: Did you say you did want a call of the house?

SENATOR LANGFORD: No, no.

PRESIDENT: Oh, okay, record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 17 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Debate has not ceased. Senator Schmit, you are next, followed by Senator Nelson and Senator Warner. Senator Schmit. I don't see Senator Schmit. Senator Nelson, would you like to continue, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I am glad that Senator Langford let me say, and I will make this very brief. I have had the opportunity to serve on the Education Committee. I have attended the public hearings. I have now gone back through the testimony that we have heard on the two bills and I, too, certainly want to do the right thing. I have a concern of the University of Nebraska. I am convinced that it will still remain the flagship, our main university, our research, and so on. The College Board of Trustees very much approve of this plan. Their job would be eliminated. One of the best testimony that I had of pros and cons, the Star Venture group of Lincoln, Nebraska, they had some reservations. The best that I could get from their testimony is, and it was in support; the UNO professors' support of the basic principle. Of course, each and every one of us have questions. I have questions. I certainly want to do the right thing. When I came in as a new senator, I realized when I had the nursing education study and coordination and articulation in nursing, it simply was not here in Nebraska. It stymied the nursing program. The community colleges, I think they have been mentioned. I visited with the community colleges. I don't think...they are not really included to a great extent in this proposal, but to my knowledge, they have no problem with this. The only ones that I can really see and that have visited with me are the Board of Regents. I have not had anyone come in at clause or saying that