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assistance. Yet we have other people that are being accused now of felonies...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...and they can go there and apply and I am just wondering if this all had not come out in the paper if that wouldn't have been granted. So it bothers me terribly that when we pick on one section of this state, not just the City of Omaha, and say they need help. We all need help, and the elderly people need a lot of help. Some of them are only living on \$400 a month. They don't want to leave their home. Luckily they do get a homestead exemption, they are able to stay in their home, but if we advance LB 1059, we are putting a one cent increase on their utility bills. It is a good idea to try to lower the property tax, but at the same time, you are hitting the elderly because those that are low income are on the homestead exemption but they still will have to pay a one cent increase on their utilities. I am sorry I am bringing all these subjects up in 1241 but I want you all to know there is thousands of people out there that need help, and I will not vote on LB 1241. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: 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: 17 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate does not cease. Senator Crosby followed by seven others. Senator Crosby, you're up.

SENATOR CROSBY: I give my time to Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Crosby, I pushed the red button because I do not believe this bill is dead. I think if it is advanced it can be voted on as eligible for Final Reading today or tomorrow. We have many times returned bills and went back as long as it was on Final Reading when we opened this morning, it