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Hastings, he hasn't talked to the people of our state and asked them what they want. They just send alerts out to the NRA and get them to write letters to you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Ashford is quite an NRA basher. He stand up here and he says, they're bad, they lobby, they send letters, they send telegrams, the NRA is bad. Well, I would like to say to Senator Ashford, what about the Joslyn Castle people? They lobbied me, they sent me letters. What about the Trial Attorneys Association? They lobby. What about the judges? They hire lobbyists. What about the Nebraska Bar Association? They have lobbyists and they lobby the senators. They write letters, they make phone calls. Oh, I can't forget Ak-Sar-Ben. What about Ak-Sar-Ben? They lobby, they send letters, they hire people, they have people call me, the horsemen do, my constituents do. But to Senator Ashford these are all okay, folks. But that NRA, those bad folks in Washington, they are bad. So, in essence, he's saying that everybody in Nebraska who belongs to the organization is bad. They're bad, folks, they're bad. Don't pay any attention to their letters or their phone calls. I'll share my phone calls with you, Senator Ashford. I'll share my letters with you, and they're not from Washington, not at all, they're from my district, they're from my district, Senator Ashford. So I just thought that I would like to stand up in front of this body, Mr. Speaker, and call to the attention of the members and, Senator Ashford, it looks as though it's in the eyes of the beholder, and as far as I'm concerned if the NRA, the NSEA, or anybody else wants to send telegrams or letters or phone calls from Washington, that's fine, I'll take them and I'll listen to them. They're human beings, they represent people in this State of Nebraska, and I welcome their input. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, I would call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do I see five hands? I do. We will now proceed