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the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. Call in votes have been authorized.

CLERK: Senator Peterson voting yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call.

CLERK: Senator Moore voting yes. Senator Beyer voting yes. Senator Rogers voting yes. Senator Schellpeper voting yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Go to Senator Nelson, do you wish to close on your amendment? I would remind my colleagues the house is under call. Please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I believe my amendment more accurately describes the feeling of all of the body and, scientifically, my amendment I think more accurately describes the various stages of the child, as we are talking about it, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have said that the 24 weeks of gestation is the level of viability and when the fetus may be able to survive in the world, and this also followed the Roe vs. Wade decision. That simply takes the religious aspect out of the bill, more correctly terms what it is, and the various stages of development. I have to refer even to an article written by a very good news reporter in Grand Island, feels very strong about the issue, and that is certainly her prerogative and so on. She also described the various stages of the embryo, the fetus, or the unborn child, as you may want to call it. And as her last comments, a third of an inch long at certain weeks, and so on, and then the development of the fetus. I am simply just calling it as technically I think the medical world would do so. I am not asking for anything else excepting to try to make it more suitable I think to all of us in the body. And with that, that is...unless Senator Bernard-Stevens wants a little of my time. I noticed he had his light on. Senator Stevens, would you like a little of my time? I noticed you had your light on. Thank you. That is all I have.