

voted on the motion to call the question? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. Senator Beutler, would you close, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would like to take a personal privilege, to begin with. Senator Bernard-Stevens indicated to me that he took offense at the statement that it was an act of hypocrisy. And I wish to apologize. I probably made an overstatement in that regard. It's not my intention...it was not my intention to impugn anybody's motives, and I regret that. In any event, I do feel strongly about this. And I feel strongly about it because this is everything that's wrong with the law. It's everything that's wrong with the law. In the twentieth century, especially after the second world war, there was a movement in the law colleges and across the country that started the reform on procedure. And the whole idea of the movement was to allow people to be heard on the substance of their pleas, on the substance of their pleas, not to let the lawyers throw them out of court because this paper wasn't filed in time, because it wasn't filed with the right office. Basically, the courts started to say, look, did it really make a difference, did it make any kind of real difference if they did it one way rather than another? And, if it didn't, they started to reform the laws of procedure to allow people to be heard. This is something that has been overlooked. Actually, it wasn't even overlooked. Nobody had raised the question. No court had ever said such a thing for years, and years, and years that you couldn't sue a school district in the name of the board of education rather than saying the school district such and such, of Lancaster County. And so what I'm saying to you is let's knock out one of these last vestiges of the old, what I call, pettifogging type of lawyer practice, which creates injustices rather than justices. If you do not adopt this amendment then this fellow may get justice, in my opinion, if the Supreme Court says, as I hope you will say, that this is not right, but the possibility exists that they will say otherwise. And so why should we take the chance, why should we let it happen? I would just ask you to adopt the amendment, and that all it will mean, all it will mean is that this fellow will get his day in court. I appreciate Senator Byars' position, but I think he made a very interesting admission. He said he's not