

played. I guess my point I'd like to close with is I'm very glad in seeing this type of situation that we are in theory and in most cases a nonpartisan body. I would hate to see the day when we actually divide down between the aisles as Republicans and Democrats and we treat every major issue as a political party issue.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: When we get to that point, ladies and gentlemen, I think we really degrade ourselves as a state and I'm glad we're nonpartisan as much as possible.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: I call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? There are. We will now vote on the motion to call the question. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate and I will recognize Senator Conway for closing. I remind the senators that the house is under call. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Again, I offer this, probably mistakenly so in that I was of the understanding that by striking some kind of a compromise in the fact that my previous plan, the one that was on Final Reading, had the majority of votes, that the Governor wasn't excited about it. He may have vetoed it. I don't believe that he's ever said to anyone that he would veto it, but basically used that generalized threat to me today that there was that possibility. I said, at that point, well, I have yet to see a better plan with respect to not splitting counties. Again, we're focusing on the western striking of the 1st to the 3rd Congressional District. We have no problem at all in breaking up Cass County in terms of that county, but all of a sudden the focus was on Gage County as it was drafted. In an attempt to...and Senator Withem's plan, we break up Madison County, we break up...we take out Pierce County, we take out Knox County, we've broken up what I would consider a significant community of