

have been overcome, I certainly would have been happy. Thanks, Doug.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to direct the Senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests of Senator Landis today are 20 Clinton Elementary student council members and their teachers. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. I'll now recognize Senator Beutler followed by Senators Chambers and Ashford. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. See sufficient seconds? I do. Now vote on the motion to call the question. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. I'll recognize Senator Conway for closing.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I'm only...a couple of comments and then I would like to relinquish the microphone for the balance to Senator Kristensen. The committee amendments, if you go back and look through those, were specifically for the purpose of somewhat softening the blow. One, again, Senator Hefner had some concerns relative to the fiscal note. The fiscal note was based upon the bill and much do I think in terms of the ongoing office and having an entity per se which now is taken out by the committee amendments should ultimately, considerably soften that fiscal note. Also some of the things that we're taking out, and discussion was placed on the fact that the committee chairmen and literally each one of the members of this body has access to and has their own legal counsel in their office, the committee has legal counsel and the like. And so really a lot of those functions in terms of looking at bill drafting and preparation of amendments and resolutions and issues such as that, we felt probably were not necessary. That can be handled within our office. Ultimately if we proceeded down the line and got over on Select File and there was some question of loss, specifically an adverse Attorney General's Opinion, in many cases as you'll look many of these Attorney General's Opinions are hanging their hat on some very minute portion that possibly the introducer would,