

than four, but there's four that I guess I've kind of set down in my own mind that people I've served with and who I think have a firm conviction, they serve well, maybe they have tough races, maybe they have friends and family who have suffered some long, long weeks with phone calls and constituents, and all those things that make life as a senator pretty tough once in a while. But in the final analysis those four people, or the four that I perceive that I'd like to talk to now, look inside yourself and do what you think you need to do. It's a tough, tough vote. There are other things that we can do into the future. And life maybe hasn't been too much fun the last few days, or maybe even the last few hours. But at this point in time, it's been said many times and I think it's true, the election is going to be in November, this is the opportunity to put it in May and save the State of Nebraska six months of agony, six months of continued wrangling, six more months of pain. And I think the State of Nebraska needs you, I just hope you see fit to heed the state and to answer their call and their needs. And, with that, I'm sure no matter how...which way you vote, I'm sure we'll...we're going to live with that, and this is certainly not personally directed at all, because I think I respect every one of you. But I hope you see fit to heed the call of the State of Nebraska. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I'd yield back my time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, I'd like to, as I'm closing, if we could have people punch in to check the...I know we're under call, but if we could check the attendance and have people punch in, I'd appreciate that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I will interrupt you now and I'll ask that the senators please begin to check in. We are on Final Reading and the house is under call.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Madam President, very briefly on a close, couple of po...lot of points have been made by a lot of people. And I want to say something that truly comes from the heart. I don't think anyone has lost any self-respect here, in fact, people on the...both sides, and particularly to my colleagues that have been on the opposite side of where I stand have gained, at least in respect, my respect, they have gained. They have fought hard, they have made a stand, they have represented their constituencies and their belief in a very professional, high quality manner. People have voted their convictions, that has been evident. There is no bad guy. We're