

report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. The house is under call. Members, please report to the Chamber, the house is under call. We are voting on ceasing debate and call-in votes have been authorized. Senator Ashford, would you check in, please. Senator Hillman, check in, please. We need Senators Lamb, Lynch, Moore, Nelson, Pirsch, Robinson, Rogers. We are voting on ceasing debate and call-in votes have been authorized.

CLERK: Senator Elmer voting yes. Senator Rogers voting yes. Senator Nelson voting yes. Senator Lowell Johnson voting yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. We'll go to Senator Wickersham to close on your motion.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. A couple of kind of clean-up matters first, I guess. Senator Crosby asked me to comment on the role of the PSC as it would be stated in the bill. That is simply an enforcement agency for the provisions in the bill. In other words, if there is a violation, if the bill is passed and the trains are required to go through the State of Nebraska having these operating devices, then the PSC would be the enforcement agency authorized to levy fines which would go into the permanent School Trust Fund. So that's the role of the PSC. I might note that the Public Service Commission reviewed the provisions of 1172, as originally submitted to the Legislature, and wholly endorsed those provisions. We've heard a considerable amount of debate this afternoon that was focused on 1172 as it was originally introduced. And I submit to you that that is good and that was fair because it did focus our minds on the issue of train safety. It also focused our attention on the fact that we may have already had an influence at the federal level. We may have assisted Senator Exon in his efforts to have a similar piece of legislation passed in the Senate. We may have more influence in the future if we are willing to advance this bill to the floor. I think Senator Chambers has eloquently stated the reasons for doing so. We have the opportunity with this bill, as the State of Nebraska, to tell our representatives in Congress and the other representatives and senators in Congress what we think is important for the State of Nebraska. And what is important for