

ASSISTANT CLERK: 21 ayes, 15 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Motion fails. I'll recognize Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Labedz, Robinson, Warner, and Wehrbein.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Madam Chairman, because of the speaking order, there's so many people, and I don't know if we'll be able to get all the people to be able to speak, I will yield, in a minute, some of my time to Senator Kristensen. And if there is any time remaining, I would then give that to Senator Lindsay. I know I get sometimes, oh, I guess maybe the word is impassioned when I speak of these things. And I think the problem is I don't count...I count to 10, but I don't count to 20, and I need to extend it to 20 sometimes. I really think that we need to look at the whole picture and ask ourselves which is the most important sometimes. In the so-called compromise, which really it isn't so-called, it really is a compromise that was worked between Senator Lindsay and others who were opposed to the CA, and I was opposed to the CA in the beginning, I had not supported the constitutional amendment until this last time around, and those that were supporting of it, it was very, very tenuous. But all sides gave up some. Senator Lindsay and others were not comfortable, certainly, with all the things in the CA. Senator Baack or other senators are not comfortable with everything, but they were willing to say we can live with this, with the understanding that we think the overall, the overall importance is that, number one, we deal with the crisis in regard to the uniformity clause and a constitutional amendment. And they put that overall need above all of the other personal and political things. Politically, it doesn't do Senator Lindsay any good, what he's doing right now. Politically, it doesn't do me, or Senator Baack, or Senator Moore politically any good to do what we're doing now. But the overall need was, in our opinion, the constitutional amendment. And I think as we vote on these things members need to ask themselves, when push came to shove in this particular Legislature in the special session, did we, as senators, vote our political needs, or did we do what we felt was right, regardless of that, for the overall good? It's a difficult question we all have to answer. Senator Kristensen, I yield to you whatever time I have.