

those block grants that are eventually awarded and are successful and I think there is incentive out there already for communities to follow the lead of various areas of the State of Nebraska. The northeast has a very good one. There is one in the north central part of the state. Southeast Nebraska has groups that work together cooperatively to promote the goals and principles that are outlined in LB 144. Rural economic development is very important. We need to provide all that we can that is going to make these rural communities more viable for small businesses to start up in. I think we all agree with that. I just don't think that LB 144 succeeds in providing that to the smaller communities and would respectfully request that the body consider that and vote against advancing LB 144. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I call the question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That will not be necessary, there are no more lights on. Senator Vrtiska. Just one second here. Maybe I'd better clarify this for purposes of... Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light went on after I had recognized... in that case then there will be, I'm not going to rule, I'm going to go back to Senator Schellpeper and allow him to bring the question of shall debate cease to the body. I indicated it wasn't necessary, but it appears that it was. Senator Schellpeper has made the motion that debate now cease. All those in favor of ceasing debate signify by voting aye, all those opposed vote nay. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Take call-in votes, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. House is under call. Excuse me, maybe we ought to record and find out if there are enough votes to put the house under call, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: There are enough votes to go under call. The house is under call. Will all members return to their seats and check in, record your presence. Would all unauthorized individuals leave the floor. The house is under call, the question being, shall debate cease. Senator Schellpeper has