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The Senate had to be put together to represent the states, otherwise the small states would not have ratified the constitution because the big...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...states would have dominated everything. So the big states said, we will have two houses, one will be for the purpose of representing the states as an entity and every state will have the same number of senators. The House will be based on population and we will apportion the number of representatives to each state based on their population. So there is nothing holy and sacred and mystical about anything in the constitution. The whole document was compromise after compromise, based on pure, cold-blooded, hardball politics, and that's what is being discussed today and since we're a political body we should just admit it. The issues are political, they are partisan, and whoever has the most power is going to prevail. But I just thought I'd throw a little of that history in as a commentary on the Bible.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senators Coordsen and Stuhr would like to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature, there are 13 students here and they're seniors from Exeter High School in Exeter, Nebraska, and their teacher accompanies them. They are all in the north balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Thank you very much. Senator Wehrbein, your light is next, followed by Senators Bernard-Stevens, Bromm, Maurstad, Withem and Schimek.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam President, I call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record. Senator. There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will all senators please return to their seats. Will all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor, the house is under call. Will senators please check in. Senator Avery, Senator Preister, Senator