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recognize Senator Wehrbein, if you'll look on the second page of your agenda, Select File bills that do not have amendments will be taken up at eleven-forty. The list of Select File bills that have no amendments I am going to read at this time. If you are working on amendments on any of those bills, please bring up those amendments as soon as possible. The bills that have no amendments at this time on Select File this morning are LB 119, LB 501, LB 502, LB 136, LB 412, LB 158, LB 270, LB 271, LB 411, LB 334, LB 94, LB 240, LB 147, LB 259, LB 77, LB 144A, LB 222, LB 369, LB 369A, LB 366, LB 401 and LB 402. That list will be taken up at eleven-forty this morning if no amendments are added to any of those bills, and we will now proceed with LB 65 and Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRDEIN: I call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There are no further lights, Senator. I will recognize Senator Kristensen to close.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to yield the first half of my closing to Senator Wehrbein please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, and members, I, too, hate to prolong debate on this and that's one of the reasons I called the question, but I feel that one of the things that we should be doing in here is looking out long term. So in contrast to what Senator Bernard-Stevens says, that this is a Nebraska issue, I believe that we need to look at an issue like this long term. If Nebraska wanted to be a leader in this area, that's an issue. I understand that. I just happen to think that we should not be a leader in this issue, and that long term we should not be going the way of Electoral Colleges by congressional...Electoral College votes by congressional districts. It has to...I tried to make the argument when I was debating the issue that it is something that should...that the President is for...it's more of an intellectual argument, perhaps, than it is of a practical politic argument in the fact that long term our President should be chosen by as broad a group as possible to have a President that is responsible to everyone. We have our congressional districts. We have our state legis...our senate elected by states. We have our representation, if you will, via that method in Congress. The