

don't want to find ourselves here in the year 2000 or 2002 saying, my Lord, over half of our educational money is going to this area, we've got to cut the area, we've got to do away with services, you know. We don't want to get to that point.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: We're on the cliff of getting to that point, we're on the verge of it, and so it's time to do something. And this bill takes the approach, as I want to emphasize, of building the solution from the ground up or from the bottom up rather than from the Legislature down. And I think with a difficult problem that's a good way to approach it. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Before we go on to the next speaker, I'd like to call the Legislature's attention to the north balcony where Senator Robinson has 50 seventh graders as his guests today, from West Point Guardian Angel School in West Point, Nebraska. And with them is their sponsor. Would you all please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SENATOR CROSBY: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on whether to cease debate. Have you all voted? Senator Lynch. There's been a request for call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CROSBY: The house is under call. Would all senators please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Would all senators... Would all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. We are voting on whether to call the question. I mean whether debate should cease, excuse me, and Senator Lynch has indicated he will accept call-in votes. We're looking for Senator Lindsay, Senator Matzke, Senator Brashear, would you like to check in. Senator Cudaback, Senator Schellpeper, Senator Warner, Senator Schmitt, Senator Schrock, Senator Wesely, Senator Hall...oh, Senator Hall just came... We're voting on whether to cease debate. Senator Lynch has indicated that he will accept call-in votes.