

SENATOR JANSSEN: I would accept call-in votes also.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Janssen, but there's been a request for a roll call in reverse order. Senator Hudkins is here. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll in reverse order. The motion before us is ceasing debate.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken in reverse order. See page 1753 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 11 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Debate does not cease. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next to speak to the amendment. The call is raised.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hall, members of the body, a couple of things I want to comment. I have not talked ever on the abor...on this particular amendment but also on the welfare issue, 455. In fact, I'm going to be voting in favor of the Dierks amendment, which may surprise a lot of people, given some of the stances I've had in the past. But before I get into that, I do want to caution the body a little bit, maybe those that are moving and working with the bill a little bit that maybe they can learn a little bit from Senator McKenzie yesterday, who, I think, gave everyone the chance to say whatever they wanted to say, worked with people on all sides to try to get those amendments that they felt were workable and doable, kept the tone down and we worked our way, we took our time and we got our way through the Special Education bill. Once you begin getting impatient and you begin calling the question, you then raise the tone to such degree that the first you will find is that if people have things to say on an issue that's this emotional or potentially emotional, you will have the reconsideration motion filed and we won't get to other amendments and we'll get bogged down, tempers begin to flare and I think we're almost at that brink. And I want to caution people on both sides let's be careful so that we can keep the tone, keep us moving, keep us working on the amendments and working and discussing and making record votes on these important issues. So I say that for whatever it's worth. The Dierks amendment, I think both sides are exaggerating a tad bit. I don't think the \$71 is going to make or break the family. I don't think the...on the other hand, I don't think that setting...agreeing to the 455, the way it's worded now, is going to affect anyone's morality, anyone's sexual activity, anyone