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SENATOR WILL: 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.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate does not cease. Senator Witek, your light is next.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have a debit card. It is here, it's real, it's now, it's the 90's. We can use... I even talked to Senator Bohlke about this and we discussed this. I don't use cash at the grocery store, I go in and I use a debit card at the grocery store. I'm not ashamed to use it, nobody says anything to me about it. It doesn't cost me anymore, it saves me the cost of a check. There's all kinds of reasons to use this kind of thing and to, at some point, in the State of Nebraska we will get everybody to realize that not only is it something that we will be doing, but it's something that I believe the federal government is going to tell us that we have to do in order to get block grant programs. The people who want to back cash vouchers are people who don't want block grants either. They don't want block grant programs because they think it's going to limit the amount of money that comes from the federal government, and it just might do that. That's kind of the whole idea of this whole idea of reforming this system, is not only to get a better system but to hopefully save some money in the process. So when we come to the point of the block granting and we come to the point of implementing a countryside, a nationwide electronic benefit system and Senator Coordsen told me he can use this in his town of a few hundred people. So it's only a matter of a short period of time until this goes all over, nationwide, all over Nebraska. I already know and Senator Robak knows we have more ATM machines, I think, per person than any other state in the Union just about, so we know that this is coming because we're on the Banking Committee and are aware of a lot of these things, but others might not be. So in one year's time I believe the idea of a cash voucher system will be a moot question, it will be moot because we won't even need to do it. I think it's something that we'll do if you