

intensive business. The ones that we've noted before, for example, are agriculture, many agriculture related businesses require \$500,000 or more in capital. And other examples, for example, a machine shop might require more than \$500,000 in investment in equipment. It is not a lot of money. It may be a lot of money in comparison to our salaries here of \$12,000 a year, but in the business world \$500,000 is no longer a lot of money, period. Now you might be able to start a law office, but there aren't many other things that you can do simply for \$500,000. And I believe that restricting the use of the funds unduly will cause us to miss many opportunities to provide significant benefits for the State of Nebraska. So I would hope that the body would reject the Bernard-Stevens amendment and leave the limitation, as Senator Engel and I are proposing, at \$500,000. I think that is a far more appropriate level.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. As I understand it, and I wasn't paying as close attention as I should have, I'll admit, that that was time yielded to you by Senator Engel. Your light is the next on if you choose to speak.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I would call the question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body then is, shall debate now...excuse me, do I see five hands? I do. Question before the body is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, it appears we might be a bit lethargic this afternoon. I will reluctantly ask for a call of the house and would accept call-in votes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question before the body is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. The question before the body is, shall debate now cease? Senator Wickersham has authorized call-in votes. The question before the body is ceasing debate. Members please return to the floor, record your presence. Senator Bernard-Stevens, could you check in. Senator Beutler, please check in. Senator Lynch, Senator McKenzie,