

voting yes. Senator Preister voting yes. Senator Matzke voting yes. Senator Hilgert voting yes. Senator Lynch voting yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. I raise the call. Senator Chambers to close on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just want to make it clear for everybody what it is we are voting for. We are not voting to advance LR 41CA. We are voting on my amendment, and for those who were not here, what my amendment does is to strike references from the constitution to four entities or positions: Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, and Board of Regents. Now what I had requested because a number of people do see these as questions which we, at some point, are going to consider, since there is no reason to even have a State Treasurer, let alone one elected; an Auditor, in most states where that function is performed under the legislative authority; the Attorney General. Perhaps you could leave that position mentioned in the constitution, but in a lot of states that is an appointive position. At the federal level, you know that the President appoints the Attorney General of the United States, so this is not an unheard of idea. In other states, Boards of Regents are appointed. They may not even have what is called a Board of Regents to operate their university system. Maybe it's a Board of Trustees. But in any case, those positions do not have to be enshrined in the constitution. My feeling is that 41CA, which attempts to strike from the constitution references to the Public Service Commission, an entity which, in fact, does perform a service for the public, if that is to be stricken certainly these other more questionable positions and entities ought to be stricken as far as reference to them. What I had asked is that you allow me to have an ambiguous vote, an inconclusive vote so that it will be clear that these are issues to be discussed. If there are those who think all of these positions that my amendment deals with should remain in the constitution, there will be a no vote on the amendment. I would ask that others simply be not voting. A not voting is the same as a no vote in terms of preventing the amendment from being attached to LR 41CA. This whole idea of looking at entities