

SPEAKER WITHEM: Are there five hands? I do see five hands. The question is shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. While we're voting, I notice we have one of our former colleagues joining us, Senator Arlene Nelson from Grand Island. I don't know if anybody turned her mike on this time or not, but we're very glad to have you here. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Is Senator Cudaback here to close? If not, Senator Schimek, I believe it was your motion also. Would you care to close? The question before...interesting, interesting here. Anyway, the question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Will members please return. Senator Cudaback, you'd be recognized to...members, check in. I noticed we cleared the board there even if you voted yes on the call of the house, you need to check and make sure you're recorded as being here. Senator Cudaback, you may begin your closing at this point.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess it's tough to know what to say here in a case like this here. I would just like to say that I think everything that's been said here has been said in the last what, four or five, this bill's been up what, five, six times and we've all been patient. There's been amendments introduced. I think these amendments were all introduced in good faith, whether it be five days before, one day before or whatever. I think everybody probably had the right intentions in mind. We can't tell ourselves how to think here. You know, if we did, why, I'd push all the buttons for you, you know, but you can't do that. It's a majority vote and I think we all understand the process. I'm not one for breaking rules like Senator Chambers alluded to there. He has never voted to do such. I do it very seldomly. We debated this issue over and over and over. I just I guess for the sake of time, the sake of the issue and for the sake of 2:37 on a Friday afternoon everybody wanting to leave, I