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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Lieutenant Governor, I'd like to profoundly call the question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Do I see five hands? I see five hands. Question before us is to cease debate. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I have a bill which set out to have the State Patrol investigate whenever a police killing occurred or a killing of a person took place while that person was in detention. That provision was opposed by various law enforcement entities by arguing that the State Patrol does not have the person power to do that. You know there will be a far less frequent occurrence of police killings than there will be of these stings. If they don't have the person power to investigate those occasional killings, how in the world are you going to say they've got enough person power to preside over all these stings that occur throughout the state? The intent has to be that there won't be many of them carried out. The Patrol would be doing nothing other than either conducting these stings or coordinating them. So, if you have a large city, by Nebraska standards, there could not be many stings because the Patrol wouldn't have enough persons to be in charge of them or to cooperate with them. This provision of the committee amendments is totally impractical and unworkable, and it is a godsend, or, for those of you who have a different view than I do, it is a "Satansend", for those who want to avoid having to confront these stings. What are the chances of the State Patrol being able to conduct enough stings to enmesh you if there are 4,000 retailers in the state? How can they do it? They just don't have enough people, so this is perfect if you want to nullify the possibility of these stings in addition to the points that Senator Beutler has made that will further make it impossible to carry them out. The liquor industry is the most heavily