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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...and then for the committee to even have a chance to decide if this is the best process or if this is the supreme priority. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I'd like to call the question, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The question's been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

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

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close on your motion to return.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I appreciate the comments that have been made this morning. I appreciate the concern that all of us have with the respite care situation, and I appreciate the concern that all of you have also on supplying the medical needs to the citizens of Nebraska. It's a very important issue. It's an issue that we, in the past, have been very sorely behind on. Through the establishment of the 1070 Trust Fund, I think we can not only catch up but I think that we can...we can do for our citizens into the next century what we haven't done in the past. I certainly in no way want to say that I'm not for respite care, because I am. I think it's a excellent position and, again, I thank Senator Byars for bringing it forward. It's just that at this particular time, when we don't even have the trust fund committee set up, when we do not have the process, the regulations, the rules that they're going to follow, we are just out of step by about nine months. So I would ask that you would support the bringing back of 148 from Final Reading and adopt the amendment and then readvance the bill and fund it through the General Fund. Thank you. Mr. Pres...or, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a call of the house. It seemed like a few members are...have strayed away.