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Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would members please report. The house is under call. Would members please return to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. The question is, shall debate cease? A roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1527 of the Legislative Journal.) Vote is 19 ayes, 19 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion to cease debate fails. The call is raised. Further discussion on the bracket motion co LB 637, Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will assume that vote was meant in that my colleagues wanted to hear what I had to say, and I appreciate that very much. (Laughter) But I won't sit down yet. You know, as I took a look at this bill, I'm going to rise in opposition to the bracket motion. I think we do need to pass this bill for many of the reasons that had been stated, but I wanted to add one more if I may. When you take a look at what Congress has mandated here, part of it is automated procedures, electronic processes, computer-driven technology. And why is that important to us? That's important to us because all across the state our constituents are saying we want lower property taxes. Now how do you get to lower property taxes? You cut the size and scope of government. You cut county government. And, Senator Baker, while I appreciate the fact that in McCook there may be a woman who will hand deliver the check to the bank or, you know, turn it around the same day, that's a person that has to take time to do that and that means we have to pay that person's salary. And perhaps if these were all automated transfers, there may be some problem initially, but the automated transfers are going to save people money. You're going to be able to reduce the size and scope of government. It's one of the reasons I'm supporting this. And, Senator