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SENATOR THOMPSON: Question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Having...sufficient debate having taken place, do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Debate is ceased. Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I'm going to ask for a call of the house while I proceed to close.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would those members not excused please report to the Chamber and record your presence. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I'm going to...the amendment is very, very brief, and so it won't take me long to describe what it is. It basically shortens the moratorium by one year and requires the report that's envisioned in the section of the committee amendment, calling for a report, shortens the time for that, so we have that before the beginning of the 2001 session. So there's about a year and a half time for that report to be prepared. It is anticipated that that will require a little bit more in the way of financing for the Crime Commission. And the amount of dollars is uncertain of, but, from talking with Senator Brashear, it may take 160,000 versus perhaps 80,000, or 120,000 under the time period envisioned in the amendment as it is now. To me that additional money is a pittance when we consider the costs, not only of money, but other costs of delaying, and delaying, and delaying decisions in the capital punishment area. So I think we need to