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vote? Call-in votes have been accepted. We're voting on ceasing debate.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Bruning voting yes. Senator Hudkins voting yes. Senator Suttle voting yes. Senator Connealy voting yes. Senator Thompson voting yes. Senator Beutler voting yes. Senator Landis voting yes. Senator Chambers voting yes. Senator Chambers changing from yes to no. Senator Raikes voting yes. Senator Janssen voting yes. Senator Lynch voting yes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate ceases. Senator Preister, I'm going to leave the house under call. Senator Preister, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I appreciate you leaving the house under call. I knew that I would need a call of the house and this will just allow me to have the opportunity to close with everyone here and then have the vote and then we can move on. The amendment, as I think most of you are aware, would provide for a public hearing. Although the bill itself in its current form has a public comment period, I believe a public hearing is an important component on the application by DEQ. Why is that important? Well, because at the county level where they would be having a hearing on a land use, that's different than granting an application and the process of that application. It's also different in that DEQ would be conducting the hearing. DEQ is the one that's going to be issuing the permit. DEQ is the one who needs to have the input from the people in the local area to understand things that, as I have heard from constituents, they may not see except in paper in Lincoln. And so this shouldn't be viewed as an antagonistic amendment or an antagonistic public hearing. These are local people having input into a local that is a state process, and the public shouldn't be seen as just this emotional opposition. But instructively they can provide DEQ with information about topography, about land use, and about acreage and other things that might not even come to view without that