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question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed no.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CROSBY: Debate does cease. Senator Cudaback, you are recognized to close on LB 289.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I think we had a good debate on this, and I can't say much more. I do appreciate Senator Landis bringing this up, the fact that these kind of bills need to be discussed. I just simply think that what's wrong with having a centralized place to get answers to a question. If counties don't send in their plans or whatever, their regs, then the individual will have to call the county. The Secretary of State, I suppose, will say, hey, that county did not do it. So then they will have to call. But what's wrong, like Senator Wehrbein said, and Senator Vrtiska, what's wrong with having this centralized point? And we are not just saying the cattlemen, we're not just saying any group. You can call it. I'll probably utilize it. I will utilize it. Sometimes I may want to know what's going on in Douglas County. Do they have rules and regs? Does Box Butte County have rules and regs? What is wrong with going to one centralized point? I don't want to make six phone calls to all these counties. You don't want to make six phone calls to all these counties. You go to this one spot. For a few thousand dollars, if needed, the Secretary of State's Office is not going to hire any personnel. He has said he will devote some of the dollars that would generate through this bill to pay his person there. It's all the same dollars, as we all know, our dollars, as a matter of fact. And I think those dollars will be well spent. It's a centralized point. I don't want to talk this to death. I think it's needed. It's your call here. It's Senator Schellpeper's bill. He had a good idea. We watered his idea down. He didn't like that, but we did water it down, and I think most people agree that they need it. It's for your constituents. One more time, this is not for you, necessarily, this is for your constituents. Do something for them. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the closing. Senator Smith.