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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Schmitt. 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: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, I think we should maybe have a call of the house. I think nearly everybody is here, but it wouldn't hurt to go ahead and start that while I am speaking, if you wouldn't mind.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is, shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would members return and please record your presence. The house is under call. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, and thank you for your consideration of this issue. I feel passionately about this issue. I think it's the right thing to do. I think it is an economic development and a sovereignty issue, but let's just say for one moment it's not, it's a gambling issue. Let's just say that. Aren't we being a little bit hypercritical here? What does the state of Nebraska do? The state of Nebraska has a lottery. The state of Nebraska gets revenues from that lottery to operate the state and to have special funding going out to the schools, those kinds of things, and yet we're saying that the Indian tribes should not have that same opportunity to have a way to get revenues to support their infrastructure, their schools. We narrowly wrote this constitutional amendment. Look at it. It's very narrow. I showed you where the reservation lands are. We didn't say trust