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LB 1285

Bromm, recognized to close.

SENATOR BROMM: Mr. President, I wonder if I could ask for a call of the house, please.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to thank...I want to thank the body for their attentiveness and also some of the good discussion that I think we had on this bill and both parts of the amendment. I want to...I also want to say that I think this is an issue that the committee worked hard on. And I appreciate the committee spending the time with it, also supporting it on the floor. That's the way you get things done, I think, especially when you're dealing with a tough subject area where, if we all go splintering off like chickens, pretty soon we have...we have a...we have a plucked chicken, I guess. I don't know. (Laughter) I don't have a good way to finish that. What I'd really like to do, I've not done this before, but for my closing I would like to give you some testimony that was given in opposition to the bill. This was an opponent to the bill in the hearing: Senator Bromm, so and so forth, I am president of the Nebraska Telecommunications Association. We are a trade association. I'm here to present our position on LB 1285. Although I have signed in as opposed to the bill, this is a vast over-simplification of the NTA's position. Historically, the NTA has always been opposed to this kind of broad fining authority for the PSC. However, we recognize that times are changing, and as a result of the new telecommunications environment, the NTA is neutral to the concept of the Public Service Commission having a civil fine as an enforcement tool, as long as that authority includes all