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the world, and yet we should not create more suffering in doing so. I support pulling the bill out of committee and placing it on General File. And I thank you for your attention.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Quandahl, followed by Senators Smith, Stuhr, Robak and Suttle. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Mr. President, I call the question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Debate has ended. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to close on your motion to place LB 1405 on General File.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, I would yield the opening minutes of the closing to Senator LaVon Crosby.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Brashear, and thank you, Mr. President and members. Just very quickly, and then I will give the time back to Senator Brashear. In December, as Senator Engel said, the reporter called me from the World-Herald. My first question, and it has been from the beginning and still is, why do we keep Dr. Carhart as our connection? The Carhart connection bothers me almost more than anything else here because the man has no high reputation among the medical society. He does not...he is nothing. If it weren't for this, the fact that he has the abortion clinic and this particular discussion and the fact that he is suing the state of Nebraska for the partial-birth abortion bill, we wouldn't even know who Dr. Carhart is; we would be a lot better off not to know who he is. In a December 8th meeting at Varner Hall, with the chancellors from the various campuses and others, I asked that question. I never get a straight answer as to why that man is so important to them. What does he have on the medical center