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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Lynch. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate ceases. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close on the motion to override.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask for a call of the house first of all, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The question before the body is, shall we go under call? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: House is under call. Senator Wehrbein, you may continue with your closing.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right, thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm going to give just a little perspective. I'm not going to say a lot on this about the specifics except to give...try to give my perspective on this. First of all, I want you to look at the top of the page of that handout, original, of the total vetoes by the Governor, and then the bottom page that we have suggested to override, and recognize what we did not vote to override. Those cuts then are being made. The other thing is the dilemma that every Appropriations Committee that I have served on, and it's going to be probably everything in the past and everything in the future, basically, we are charged to run the...run the state of Nebraska as it is presently constituted under the present statutes. We initiate very little new spending except perhaps by bills that come in. The way I've always seen it, and I think most committee members and I think most Chairmen, have been that we are obligated to run the state. We pay the retirements. We pay the vacations. We do the hard, difficult things that nobody really wants to do, the additional staff, all of those kinds of things. Today you're seeing some of those hard decisions that we've made. This body has