

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

April 11, 2000 LB 652

Do I see five hands? I do. Question before the body is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open...or to close, excuse me, on your motion to override the veto.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I'd request a call of the house.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: There's been a request to place the house under call. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Bell wasn't working. Record.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The house is under call. All members please return to the Chamber and record your presence. All unexcused members return. The house is under call. Senator Thompson, you may continue.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. We have spent, as everyone has talked about, years on this bill and now we're being asked to delay and think about it some more, and I ask you to think about why, when you voted the first time on this bill, because just about everybody did, we didn't have any "no" votes until Final Reading and I think there were only two. This bill is needed. It provides the transfer of the facility in Omaha back to the juvenile system and lead time for both agencies to be able to prepare for that. It provides for youth to be placed, if they're in out-of-home placements, by the Office of Juvenile Services, creating a better policy within the state for placement of those youth at that level who need significant treatment, structure, and an out-of-home placement and need to be away from society because they may be a problem within their communities or they may cause harm. We do not have a secure facility, a locked facility for juveniles. That was recommended by the facility plan and it's been known to all those who work in the system