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SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Do I see five hands? I do. Question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Robak, you're recognized to close on the motion to override the veto.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Again, I would just say that this is a feasibility study, as the Governor wanted to do, it's a study and it's for one year, and if that proves not to work then we will go into a...it's a voluntary pilot program. It sunsets in four years and I'm asking for an override of this veto because I think it's important that our...when the congressional ban is lifted, I think it's important that our farmers and our small...this is more for the smaller producer. The larger ones don't have to worry. They're protected. They don't...it's not for them. It's voluntary. And our farmers in our small custom plants would be able to compete. Another thing I'd like to add that in committee one of the Indians, Louis LaRose, testified and he said he was the manager of the Winnebago Bison Project of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and he testified in support of the bill because he was President of the Intertribal Bison Cooperative, and he tells me and he told the committee that a major problem occurs when tribes and small producers are preparing to slaughter bison for their own use for sale at the public. The local processors didn't want live bison and prefer the field kill method and transportation to the slaughterhouse. He goes into great detail telling us how he needs this and how we need our Nebraska bison to be labeled Nebraska bison; we don't want to, you know, get the ones in from Texas, if you read stateline.com (sic-- StatePaper.com). I think we need to market our own bison as well as we do to market our own products here in our state. With that, I'd just like to close by saying that this is a feasibility study, as the Governor wanted. I thank you, Governor, for saying that because it is a study and it's...at the end of that we don't even have to...if it doesn't