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CLERK: 19 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator Janssen, Senator Vrtiska, Senator Jones, Senator Redfield, Senator Raikes, Senator Kruse, Senator Kremer, Senator Quandahl, Senator Tyson, Senator Bourne. The house is under call. Senator Jones, Senator Quandahl, Senator Kremer, Senator Kruse. Senator Quandahl, would you check in please. Senator Kruse. Senator Kruse. All members present or accounted for. The question before the body is ceasing debate on the Smith amendment. Mr. Clerk, call the roll please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 680-681.) 23 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful and I do raise the call. Go back to debating the Smith amendment, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cudaback and members of the body, just a couple of questions of Senator Smith, if I could.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: The...when Senator Erdman stands up and makes a point like he did, even I can understand that one. He's clear and to the point. Somebody once told me I wouldn't make a very good senator when I was getting ready to come down here because I was too naive and trusting. Now I guess I'm a little bit confused. The...a few weeks back we had a discussion, and when I asked the question why we were bringing this issue to the floor, an entirely different issue, and we won't get into that, you said something that it was our moral duty to do so and that we should set the standard for the state. Well, I accepted