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that I voted against. It was a vote, had to do with unemployment compensation. I didn't like the direction of the bill, but push comes to shove, I voted for cloture because it's the kind of measure that should be permitted to have either 25 votes, as we normally do, or 30 votes, in the case of a constitutional amendment, not 33. I voted that way because, in fact, to do otherwise is to renounce the idea of majority rule. And what I'd suggest to you is that in this struggle that we're in here, away from the social justice issues, when our values run too deep for compromise and when we're looking at things like the passing of money from one hand to another, the funding of one idea or another, the whether it goes to a vote of the people, that's a...I think that's a pretty much different idea and I think it's the place where we should stand up for the idea of the majority rules. Look, my standard is 30 votes in this body and then I got to go to the public. Isn't that enough? Isn't that enough to ask of this measure being successful as opposed to also having to get 33 votes on cloture? So that even if you oppose me on the underlying bill, I want you to consider the implication of the role of majority decision making in a Legislature, or whether or not we're going to write a rule, as Senator Maxwell has argued, I think, that it become a rule of 33. I will say that there's a limitation. I voted against cloture on a number of issues. I expect to continue to vote against cloture on a number of issues. Trust me, I'll vote on them on the social justice issues of the cultural war. I feel too deeply on that score. This isn't like that. This is saying to the public, you know what, you get the final say; you get to decide. Do we put a...do we stick a fork in this park?

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Do we stop the fair? We've got a manager who's left. We have uncertain finances. We have, in fact, some red ink to deal with. Is it time to do away with it and live with Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island and the event center in Lincoln, or not? That's the question that we're asking the public and, by the way, I would be informed, I would find value in that. I would take value on that. I'm ready to put it to their hands, into their votes, and that's what I asked this body to do by accepting the Bourne amendment. I would accept the