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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, I'd ask for a call of the house and I'll take call-in votes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request for a call of the house. Remind the body, we are actually on Final Reading, which we should all be here anyhow. So, members, please check in. Please check in please. All members check in please. We are on Final Reading. Senator Beutler, we can do a roll call or you can take call-ins, whatever which one you prefer.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd take call-ins. That's fine.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler has accepted call-in votes on the question before the body of ceasing debate.

CLERK: Senator Hartnett voting yes. Senator Baker voting yes. Senator Landis voting yes. Senator Bourne, you had voted yes, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close on AM3572 to LR 11CA. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I think we've had a thorough discussion on exactly what this amendment does. I believe it will benefit this state. It will have a deterrent on the petitions. I'm not saying the petitions won't pass either but I honestly think that we will have...be successful on getting them on the ballot also. But this has been a long road. It's been a long road for the opponents and it's been a long road for the proponents. It's been a long road for the tribes. It's been a long road for the constituents. And I think we owe it to the people in this state to decide this matter by the means of the ballot and something that comes from the Legislature. We all represent about the same amount of people and I don't think that any one district differs very much from the other one. I believe you...sometimes we want to ignore