

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

May 11, 2005

LB 425

Omaha Chamber and some other people. We had a nice discussion. I said, you know, I don't blame you for...you get the \$15 million anyway. You get it. I mean, it's not your problem. But is ironic, it is terribly ironic that the business community would want to enact public policy in such an irresponsible way. I'm not sure it was them. I'm hearing it's other people. They're just tailing off what...you know, what's working for them. Forget about all the people in the lobby. Let's talk about how we put a budget together and how we put programmatic things in the budget. This was a mistake. I've flipped votes here when I've had greater understanding and time to step back and think. Don't leave the state in this mess with this budget item this way. Let's correct it. Let's correct it. Let's fix it today, and then move on. But we can't leave it like this. This is fiscal irresponsibility. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Further discussion. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Let's call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the Beutler amendment, AM1598? All in favor vote aye; those opposed, nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted who care to? Senator Engel, what purpose...?

SENATOR ENGEL: A call of the house, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unexcused senators report to the Chamber. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senator Cornett, Senator Landis, Senator Schrock, Senator Wehrbein, Senator