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years before he came into existence, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." America is divided against itself. I cannot heal any divisions within America. I cannot even overcome divisions in the state of Nebraska or the city of Omaha. But to the extent that I can, I will try to prevent us from enacting legislation that will create a damaging division. Why would we put into the law language that disqualifies half the body from performing a function which is designed to benefit the public at large, to ensure the common good, the domestic tranquillity, and all of those other slogans? It's one thing to talk about those concepts in a vacuum or in a classroom, where somebody is supposed to write the words back on an examination paper, and another thing to take them as principles for guiding conduct. And we in the Legislature should set the standard; we should be an example. We should make reality out of these things that we're telling people all the time are so important. Use the talent and the ability which is available. Do not artificially and arbitrarily cut yourself off from needed talent and ability. Mr. President, I'll ask...am I the last...was that my closing?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It was, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I'll ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on FA331. There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of such vote aye; those opposed, nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Janssen, Senator Cunningham, Senator Byars, Senator Engel, Senator Raikes, Senator Schrock, Senator Brown, Senator Stuhr and Preister. Unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. Senators Janssen, Cunningham, and Byars. Senators Engel,