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hands? I do see five hands. The issue before the body is, shall debate cease on the Johnson amendment, AM2712? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted who care to? Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Senator...record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does cease. Senator Johnson, you're recognized to close on your amendment, AM2712.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cudaback, members of the body, again, thank you all for just a great discussion. I wish we did take longer to go over this. We are short of time here at the end of the session. I wish we could have gotten to this discussion a month ago, and gotten into more depth than we have here today. I would call your attention to the fact that not only is there great prospects for tourism that we are talking, on this second interstate, or the so-called Snowbird Trail, but there are tremendous prospects for commerce, as well. Outside of the Lincoln/Omaha corridor, this is the main manufacturing area of the state of Nebraska, let alone the help that we could give agriculture and above all, no matter where we grow this state, we have to grow it enough so that we save that third congressional seat. In closing, I'd like to do two things: One, is I want to challenge you to go home and discuss this with your constituents, as to the direction that Nebraska ought to go. I think this deserves great consideration. Challenge the candidates, including those who are running for Governor, but the other candidates, as well. So again, thank you for a great discussion, and with that, I ask that you remove this amendment from the calendar. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, you may read items.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a Reference Report referring two gubernatorial appointments to the Standing Committee for confirmation hearing. A series of study resolutions: LR 407, Senator Friend; LR 408, Senator Friend; LR 409, Senator