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SENATOR KRUSE: 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 motion to reconsider? All in favor vote aye; all opposed will vote nay. Voting on the motion to cease debate. The motion before the body is to cease debate on the reconsideration motion. Have you all voted who care to, for ceasing debate? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR CORNETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I introduced this motion because I felt the Legislature had acted rashly. The Chambers amendment did not have public debate. It was not part of a committee hearing. The Legislature moved on splitting up the largest school district in the state in two hours. They have not fully debated the repercussions of the taxes involved, the money spent, or the segregation issue, to my satisfaction. I asked Senator Raikes a question a few moments ago. Who would be responsible for expanding districts; how would that be done geographically? He said that the learning community, which would be comprised of the different districts or their school boards. I ask you, why are we here? We are here because of boundaries. We are here because no school board in the metro area--none--was willing to sit down and discuss the issue of boundaries, to discuss the issue of the segregated areas. No one was willing to sit down and talk about giving up territory, giving up part of their little fiefdom and/or growing. That is why we are here. Why does he think that under this bill anything will change, anyone will be any less protective of their school district? They're not going to be. Under LB 1024 all we are going to do in Sarpy County, which is my district, is create another minority school district. Is that the intent of this Legislature, to create