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am hopeful and optimistic that it does, in spite of the fact that once or twice a year since I've been here we do get a partisan issue. It's unfortunate but I think the record in the past has been that we don't decide it on partisan lines. I hope that that will be true in this case.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, fifteen minutes ago a motion was made to cease debate after thirty-one minutes of debate. Now we have the extra fifteen minutes. I believe the issue has been pretty well discussed. I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? The question is, shall debate cease. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator George, would you close debate by way of reply.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, members of this body, there were a few questions raised. I think they have all been thoroughly discussed. I have to answer, though, a few points, especially accusations. I thought I could leave this first session and say to people that the partisan issue was never raised. I think Senator Cavanaugh, to my memory, now it is the first one that raises this as a partisan issue. It has absolutely nothing to do with it. I realize that I was a non-partisan candidate, that I was elected by Democrats, Republicans and Independents. This has nothing to do with a partisan issue. I would also like to remind you of what a notary public is. That is any person in the state that pays a fee of \$5, or something like that, then they can go around this state and simply start collecting voter registration. Do you really want them to do it that way? It would just end up in utter confusion. As usual, Senator Cavanaugh is rather parochial. Well he was joined by Senator Fowler and Senator Chambers in that. He simply does not . . . radical you said? I'm just quoting you. He simply does not understand what goes on outside Omaha; he doesn't, obviously, care to. I have explained several times what the process of registration involves. This is a difficult, technical process. We need technical people to do that kind of a job. Number two, to accuse me of obstructing voter registration is outright ridiculous, it is even offensive, to me at least it is. I had introduced LB 494 on this floor. It has been passed and it is signed by the Governor. That bill makes it a lot easier for people to register. Therefore, I will not stand for anybody standing up here and telling me that I want to obstruct people from registration. I'm getting tired of having Senator Cavanaugh standing here to be the judge of whose right and whose not! We didn't elect him for that. I think the issue is clearly understood. We do have, by next year, a much better voter registration thanks to LB 494. We do not need this confusing amendment.