

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator John DeCamp to close, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, can we have a call of the house because I know there are four people missing and I hope they're here because it's a close question if anything.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you wish to have it now?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yeah.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Please return to your desk and record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor and those who are not in the Chambers please return and record your presence. Thank you. Several are here who have not recorded their presence. Please do so. Thank you. Senator Chambers is the only one excused. We're looking for Senator Scofield, Senator Smith, Senator Barrett, Senator Landis, Senator Hoagland, Senator Higgins, Senator Pirsch. Senator Higgins, would you check in, please. Now we're ready to go. Senator DeCamp is closing on the motion to raise LR 16CA. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I do not want to talk about Initiative 300. I want to talk more importantly about you and me as legislators. The argument you read daily in the World Herald, the argument you heard on the floor goes primarily this way. The people spoke and don't you tamper. Fellow legislators, the Unicameral came into existence after the people spoke seven times on constitutional amendments. It didn't happen the first time and it was different proposals and modifications of it. The compulsory education was voted down in the Constitution four times in Nebraska. It's in law now today and I don't think there is anybody would doubt that we have a compulsory education system in the State of Nebraska. Legislative salaries have been voted on eight times since 1968 in various forms, various proposals. The essence of our system is review, amend,