

a guest, please, under the north balcony, former Senator Orval Keyes of Springfield is there. Would you please stand, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR DECAMP: I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Thank you, Senator Keyes. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Beutler, are you going to close, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The house is under call, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, it was. I never did raise it, but...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Could I have everybody record their presence?

SPEAKER NICHOL: That's fine. Please record your presence. Five are excused. Look up to see if your green light is lit and, if it is not, please touch the green button. Looking for Senator Hefner, Senator Chambers and Senator Goodrich. Now we're looking for Senator Hefner and Senator Goodrich. Senator Beutler, you have the same decision to make. Senator Beutler, we have all but Senator Goodrich. You have the same decision again. I understand from the Sergeant-at-Arms that...left with his hat on and said he wasn't going to come back.

SENATOR BEUTLER: We may as well proceed, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, you have closing coming if you like, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I think I've bent your ear on this one about long enough. I can't think of a new and original thing to say. One thing that's been good about this Legislature, not just this year because this year has been so short it's hard to get a perspective on what the character of this year's Legislature is, but certainly last