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previous days of debate. But I think a compact is pretty binding and it worries me that we are putting into that compact something that may be very, very difficult to change later on. And I'm not so worried so much about what happens here and now with this compact as I am worried what happens 50 years down the road or 20 years down the road when that river does change its path, which inevitably I think it will do. I don't think you can harness something like a river of that magnitude. So I just want the record to show that not everybody thought that this was the thing to do. I think that we should take our time, we should go back to Missouri and we should say, yeah, we can buy everything except this and we would like to see a language change even if it takes another year. And I know those people in Richardson and Nemaha Counties have been going through a lot of turmoil over this issue, and I would hate to put it off. But that's what I think we should do, and I realize that that is probably not going to be the prevailing opinion on this. So I am simply going to vote red on this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, there are no other lights on. You are recognized to close on the motion to advance.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think enough has been said. I just want to remind the body that this is I think critical that we get this moving along. It's been a long time in the process. I understand the concerns of some of you about this, but a compact is something that has to be agreed to between two states identically before Congress will look at this. I think it's time to get this solved. Whether it's 100 years, 50 years or a hundred and some years that we've had the dispute, it's time to solve the issue at this point and move on. Thank you for your interest.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing and the motion to advance LB 59 to E & R for engrossing. Senator Wesely has made a request for a machine vote. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 59. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. I thought I heard a request for record vote. Is there a senator who made that request? Senator Schimek. Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 1688-89 of the Legislative