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this bill should go back to the committee because if we mean what we say in this bill we mean that we should give them the right to come before the legislature because it says here, it's necessary to provide the citizens of this state with greater and more convenient access to the processes of the government. That means to a Standing Committee. Therefore, I beg of you to let this go back to Committee.

SPEAKER: Senator Marsh did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MARSH: I call for a question.

SPEAKER: A question has been called for, does the Chair see five hands? Thank you. The question is shall the debate now close, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Voting on the previous question. The question is shall the debate now close, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all indicated your pleasure? The motion is to close debate. Have you all voted. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 11 nays Mr. President to close the debate.

SPEAKER: Motion is sustained, Senator Snyder is now closing on his motion, to return LB 204 to the Standing Committee for a hearing. Senator Snyder. Senator Snyder closing.

SENATOR SNYDER: Thank you Mr. President. As I said in my opening statements, we could stand here and make everything from the most patriotic speeches down to some of those we have heard. I think the issue is very simple, I think it's one of how much we really believe in the fundamental workings of government. This thing has reminded me somewhat of the parent who is driving down the street in his car with his children in the back seat watching him and he's got his eye constantly in the rear view mirror because he knows he is speeding and he is wondering if the police are watching or behind him. I think that's what we are confronted here with today, have been for a couple of weeks on LB 204. Every member here went out and begged 32,000 people to send them down here, I'll protect you, I'll stand up and our district will have a voice. I just wonder how often and many times I do wonder this, how we as elected officials can sit here and turn our backs on all of the things that we have been taught ourselves in school, concerning the operation of government, I wonder how many times we can constantly turn our back on this and say we are 49 God-sends, we know better than our founding fathers, we have the answers, we are God-sends. I just wonder when we are going to stand up and conversely, Senator Carpenter, be men instead of mice. I wonder how many people hold enough basic true love for our system that they are going to say procedure must be followed. What was presented to us as a working government idea two hundred years ago, then for one hundred and ninety-five years now, I've tried to disrupt. I say that what was settled on us two hundred years ago or one hundred and ninety-five years ago, is good, check and balances primarily, I don't know why anyone of us should be afraid of a public hearing, to me it is the very foundation of the unicameral system. Even more so than a bicameral and I don't think that nine of us or forty nine of us collectively should ever turn our backs on the people and say don't worry about it good folks of Nebraska, you're only tax payers, we're the God-sends and we know best what's for you. What are we afraid of, are we afraid the people might present some ideas that we might have to listen to and recognize, I don't care if it's LB 204 or LB 1301, any bill coming before us that does not require the most expedient attention should go for a public hearing. As I said we could stand up here and you can go on and talk and talk and talk, and to those people who would say, to remove the substance from the procedure that's exactly what we do, our first order of business every day, is to suspend the rules. You look around the country today and around the world and that's what a lot of people are trying to do. Break away from procedure, break away from those things that have worked and provide the checks and balances. Everybody be a maveric