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PRESIDENT: The previous question has now been moved. The Chair see five hands. Thank you, the question is shall the debate now close, all those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. The previous question has been asked for, the question is shall the debate now close? The question is shall the debate now close? Have you all voted? Okay, the Clerk will record. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion is lost. We'll next move to Senator Proud and then Senator Syas.

SENATOR PROUD: Well Mr. President, I'm highly flattered by that vote, I realize nobody wants to hear me really, and if it was a majority voting I would not be heard, well as part of the great debating society, I just want to make a couple of short comments. Senator Snyder said why do we have to put everything to the vote of the people, well the answer to that is we don't, except to amend the constitution and this is a constitution amendment there is no other way to do it, that's why we have to put this to the vote of the people if we do it. This discussion is also interesting from the stand point of the fact that I suppose Omaha World Herald will report my vote on the front page, and then everybody will say he is a radical for the students, which certainly is not true, just like they put my, which is alright to put my vote on the front page, I don't care as long as they spell the name right, but I voted to bring the agency shop issue to this floor, although I'm opposed to the agency shop. So what happened when my vote was reported, I got letters from employers saying we'll certainly take care of you at the next election. Actually I was for them, so I appear here with some fear, knowing how people interpret votes, but nevertheless, I still believe this should be brought to the floor and of course Senator Chambers is absolutely right, in some ways I am a radical, I'm a radical in defense of freedom in this country, and for that I apologize to nobody. So, I hope you'll just soften up here a little bit, and put it out on the floor and not worry too much about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I want to clear up a few loose ends, first I was kind of amazed by Senator Proud stating that a student doesn't have enough money to run for office, some do, some don't. I can tell you that when I ran for the legislature the first time, I had a grand total sum of \$100.00. Now you can't tell me there's not students out there that don't have more than that. I did it by hard work, we had a student running from UNO for the board of regents and he made a good race, he didn't make the nomination, but he was very, very close. He got a lot of votes. Let's look at another one, we have a young man, I didn't vote for him, but we have a young man, not because he was young, I mean I voted for a lot of young people, but we have one, a person by the name of Blankenship, who is a UNO student, who ran now, city wide, school board wide, has got elected to the local school board. He didn't ask to get put on there by some legislative act. He ran, he got elected. That's the way it should be, and I admire him for getting elected. Now according to Senator Stahmer, he says the students are paying tuition therefore, they have a vested right, since they are paying tuition. Why they should be treated differently. I could reverse the question and say there are people paying taxes, to support the University of Nebraska, that have never gone there, have no imput at all with it, could care less if you had one or not, then why don't we say to those people, Senator Stahmer, since you have no vested interest, you don't pay any taxes at all to the University, it's just as logical, and neither argument is logical, your's or mine on that. Now