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say thank you to you for seconding Senator Barnett's motion and I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. The question is shall the debate now close. Does 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 moved. The question is shall the debate now close. That issue does take 25 votes. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 16 nays, 6 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The debate will now close. Senator Barnett, you may close on your motion. Senator Barnett is closing.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it wouldn't make much difference if I spent fifteen or twenty minutes, or ten closing or a minute or two. I do want to point out one or two things, though, that I think are important. I think that I have given you the opportunity, if you want to lay it as..somewhere. I've given you the opportunity to change it back, be responsible legislators. Come hell or high water, Senator Carpenter or Governor Exon, you've been given the opportunity to say that you and you alone want to be responsible for the state of Nebraska. I think it is evident, on the other hand, with what the action was done yesterday what the feeling was and who the responsible people were at that time. I happen to admit that I was, probably, not one of them and I am not afraid to admit that I made a mistake and I think I made one. Only time will tell. I do think that we've got to give careful consideration to the bills that are up on the Board and what we were elected to do. I didn't do this yesterday but I am going to try to rectify it now. If it doesn't work today, it will be done. I am sure that before it is over, this body will return to its responsible position and continue to legislate and to take care of the state regardless of what the Governor said. I think that with these things in mind, I hope that you could see fit to support this motion at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: A Roll Call vote.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Carpenter has asked for a Roll Call vote. Senator Stahmer, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STAHMER: I think, in honesty, I think we ought to have a point of clarification on this vote so that we really know what we are voting on. Senator Barnett's motion was on Carpenter's motion of yesterday had no effect on my motion and I don't think if it passes one way or another it is going to change what Senator Barnett wants. If he wants to roll....

PRESIDENT: What is your question, Senator Stahmer?

SENATOR STAHMER: All right. I am suggesting to Senator Barnett, if he wants to undo everything we've done, he should include my motion as well as the Carpenter motion because my motion, in effect, repealed and modified the Carpenter motion and he didn't even address himself to my motion. So, I don't think he has accomplished anything here whether it passes or doesn't pass.