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CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries to close debate. Senator Marsh may close on her motion, that be to adopt the standing committee amendments to LB 259.

SENATOR MARSH: I would like to say thank you to Senator, to Senator Chambers who so very eloquently pointed out that the chairman of the Appropriations Committee has worked long and hard to help bring these considered amendments to the Governor's budget bill. It seems to me that this is the easy way out to simply say, we'll adopt the Governor's budget. I think that come January it will be apparent to the other members of the, of this body that it was not the wise decision to make and this is an opportunity to at least take another look. What's the difference, you're going to adopt it one way or another. Either way is not an intelligent way to do it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, for what purpose did you want to be recognized?

SENATOR NORE: To ask Senator Marsh a question if she would yield.

PRESIDENT: Well, ask the question of the chair and the chair will decide whether it's a question that you can ask or not.

SENATOR NORE: I want to find out, doesn't the Governor have the prerogative of bringing in these amendments that we have worked on and have them, have them enacted in another bill?

PRESIDENT: I'm not going to have her answer, Senator Nore, because the question has already been asked and answered once this morning. Now the question is, shall LB 259 be returned to Select File for a specific amendment. Those specific amendments would be to adopt the standing committee amendments. All those in favor of the motion will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record. Senator Simpson is asking for a record vote.

CLERK: Reads vote. 18 ayes, 24 nays, 7 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion is lost. The chair before they leave would like to introduce 71 fourth grade students from G. Stanley Hall School of Papillion, Nebraska and they are from Senator Keyes district over there. Senator Keyes, and their instructors are Mrs. Kuicks, I believe and Mrs. Spilker and Mrs. Miller. We're delighted to have you here today as visitors to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. We're sorry that we couldn't break in the deliberations here to say hello to you before this time. Now are there other motions on the desk?

CLERK: Yes. Mr. President, I move to return LB 259 to Select File for specific amendment to strike the enacting clause. Signed, Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I know there are men who are tired of listening to this debate but from the votes every time a motion was made to cease debate there were people who still wanted to talk and I feel that freedom speech exists on the outside world, I feel complete freedom of expression is absolutely essential and necessary in the Legislature so I'm not going to withdraw this amendment as I said. I think people should have an opportunity to say what they feel and if the others who support what they had decided to do with LB 259 have talked until they are played out, it doesn't mean that they should cut off the right of others to speak and I know they can do it with a show of five hands and a vote of 25 on the board. But this amendment, this offering of a motion may give those who have something to say a chance to say it. But I have