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CLERK: 30 ayes, 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion prevails. Senator Chambers you may close on your motion. Senator Chambers is closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and members of the Legislature, that is the last motion I will introduce today on this bill. I knew it was a losing venture in the first place but as I said the other day, as long as there's an opportunity to accomplish something that I think is necessary and worthwhile I'm going to discharge the responsibility that I feel. But to correct a misconception which I think the Legislature should not be victim of, if the enacting clause was stricken on LB 259, that would not leave the State in any different position than it's in now. There is still time to introduce, re-introduce LB 259 and incorporate the committee amendment and have a decent budget. To kill this bill would not leave the State without a budget. It's not going to become operative until the Governor signs it anyway. He has not signed it. 259 is nothing but words on paper. If this were done which I ask you to do, we could come back after the recess and introduce a budget bill. And it could be a properly drawn budget bill and the Governor could be put in his place not by accepting something which everybody admits is inadequate, even him, but by totally rejecting his stratagem and substituting our better judgment for it. And we could show the seriousness of the situation by showing that we had to kill the only budget bill before the body and start all over again. But due to the fact that there have been public hearings, there have been many soul searching sessions by the budget committee itself, I still by the way respect Senator Marvel and his knowledge and ability as the chairman, we wouldn't have that much trouble re-introducing a budget bill and having it in acceptable form. I was going to ask unanimous consent to withdraw the motion but I don't think I will. I'm going to let it be voted up or down; I'm going to ask for a record vote and that will terminate my attempts this morning to try to undo what I felt was something that shouldn't have been done in the first place.

PRESIDENT: Question is, shall LB 259 be returned to Select File for a specific amendment and that amendment is to strike the enacting clause? All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Reads vote. 8 ayes, 36 nays, 5 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion is lost. Read the next motion on the desk.

CLERK: That's all. The next one is to read the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right. Before we proceed with that, the chair would like to recognize 80 fourth grade students which I believe are just arriving here in the south balcony from Senator Dickinson's area. They are from Bryan Elementary School in Millard, Nebraska and their instructors are Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Mart, Mrs. Sojka, Mrs. Tupper. We are delighted to have you here today as visitors to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. We are about to read the budget bill. We hope you enjoy your visit to the Unicameral Chamber. Senator Simpson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, on behalf of the members I would ask permission that we be allowed to in some way stir from our seats since this is a long bill, as long as we do not put on a lot of conversation on the floor or disturb the reader of the bill.

PRESIDENT: The chair would concur in that. It is a long and arduous task to read the bill and I would just ask that you keep