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And so that is why, not because I am not in favor of it.. of getting rid of this malaportionment mess. '75 I think we can do it. But if you want to open it, and if you put that bill on the floor on the..I'm going to vote for it. Because I've done my duty. I just didn't want it to come up this session. As far as Senator Waldron is concerned, and of course he's absent again, after he takes a shot at somebody, well of course then he runs off. This is typical. But anyhow I've always voted for his bills, at the..to put the Supreme Court Judges appoint them at large. I've supported him on that. Now you can open this thing up if you want to and you are going to have another one I'm afraid is that's going to .that you are going to be confronted with opening up. But the odd part of this whole thing is, this is such a bad bill and I think it stinks. But the point is about half of the Omaha Senators voted for it. Amazing. And I've got the record, and I don't want to embarrass anyone right at the moment, but I would five of the twelve Omaha Senators at that time voted for this bill. And that's all I'm going to say. I think I've given you an adequate committee report. I believe that we should reaportion this thing. Now, one other thing, Oh yes, I'm sitting in my front room with Senator Fellman after we make a tape at the press club, he comes on and says the Supreme Court Judges are in favor of reapportioning these Judicial Districts. So I passed out Mr. Dunlevey's statement to oppose the bill at the Supreme Court's urging. I would have to say mildly that was an untrue statement by Senator Fellman. And I would start it with an L. I don't mind anybody as long as they tell the full truth. Mr. Dunlevey come in there and opposed it. He said study it, read the article, the quote, the..I stood and gave it to you there. I had it passed out. Read it. Now that doesn't mean a thing to me because I've never been a great disciple of some of the acts of the Supreme Court. But it might impress somebody. I don't care particularly if Dunlevey is for or against it. It wouldn't have made any difference on my vote. I helped kill the bill for the reasons, for the other reasons already given. But I would like to have Senators when they go on T.V. tell the whole truth. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move the previous question. (Signed) Senator Richendifer.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five hands? One, two, three, four, five, six. Five persons up here with to speak. We will have the vote. Takes twenty five votes. And I'm going to warn you in advance that the Chair is going to continue with his ruling that nobody shall be permitted to ask the introducer of the bill any questions. After..if..we close debate. Those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. Senator Whitney voting aye. It takes 25 votes. Have you all voted? Senator Skarda, did you wish for a call of the house?

SENATOR SKARDA: No, if I wished for a Call of the HUse, I would only understand we are only voting to Raise the Call is that right? Cease debate, I meant to say. We are not voting on the subject, we are voting to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: We are voting to cease debate. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.