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favor of closing debate vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Motion is to close debate..cease debate. Do you want to cease debate. Have you all voted? Once again, have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 8 nays.

PRESIDENT: The debate will not cease. Senator Barnett is next to be heard.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. There is no doubt that Senator Chambers has said some things that worth listening to, but I think there comes a time when we as Senators and also as City council members, and mayors of town and cities have to do things that we think in our own minds and in our own conscience are to help the city. The city of Lincoln definitely needs this facility to help the downtown corps. Now, there is no doubt that there is going to be mixed emotions on it. And I've got a letter in front of me that was signed by the gentlemen that stopped the action that required that this come to the Legislature for action. Mr. Ira Beynon, I hope that I pronounced his name right, I can't say for sure..

PRESIDENT: Beynon...

SENATOR BARNETT: Beynon, thank you. He says if this bill is to be passed, he wanted an amendment that could be changed to give it at least 30 days time to file a petition for referendum, because as I understand it. And he has talked to me, there is 15 days after the Legislature, or after the city council passes this ordinance. I talked to him Sunday night and I told him that if he realized it, he had over 30 days right now it he went to work. When Senator Chambers stands up as other people proba bly will do, and tell you that you need a vote of the people. I think you have to consider that you have elected officials that have to make the decision. Sometimes they are unpopular. But they have to make decisions for what they think is best for the cities that they live in. And therefore, I think that I have to oppose Senator Chambers motion on many other issues, but this one in particular, and I would have to say that at this time I would like to again attempt to call for the question.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion is to call for the previous question. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Motion is to cease debate. Senator Barnett has moved. The question is, shall debate now cease. Have you all voted? Once again have you all voted? Clerk will record.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, I would ask for a Call of the H0use.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett has asked for a Call of the House.

(End Belt 6A)