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of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 3 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion is approved. Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, again the Committee met to try to determine what the views of this body was in regard to the issue of Chaplain. When the previous decision was made without notice, without anybody being advised of what was happening, and by secret vote, at least fifteen or twenty members of the Legislature were beside themselves in terms of what had occurred in regard to this issue. I said I wanted to treat it in a dignified way and make it as less of an issue as possible in terms of relating to this Legislature. We tried to do that. After the session Thursday, Friday, we said to you and we made the announcement as part of the public record up there, please remain close by so we can poll you and see what you want to do about it. My concern for the Chaplain issue is this that, number one, that they understand the Legislature knows what they want and how they want to act and that we go by what the majority want and the majority is 25 votes. Now on Friday, more than 25 said they wanted Dr. Palmer to be the Chairman and that is what the Board has brought back to you. So if that is what you want, that is the way we ought to do it. Let's proceed to the election. Let's do it up or down and let's not create any more of an image problem for us now on this issue than we already have. I move we proceed to the election, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion is proceed with the election, all in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 2 nays on the adoption of Senator Lewis' motion, Mr. President.

SENATOR LEWIS: I move that Dr. Palmer be elected Chaplain of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: All right, just a moment. Let me rule on the motion carried. We will proceed to a vote. Now I will take the motion, Senator Lewis. What is your motion?

SENATOR LEWIS: My motion is that Dr. Palmer be elected the Chaplain of the Legislature.