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PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to take this opportunity to introduce some 11 seventh and eighth grade Social Studies students from Saunders County District 20 near Ashland, 1 teacher and 2 parents, Mrs. Gladys Kachel, teacher, north balcony. Would they stand and be recognized, please? Welcome to your Legislature. Senator Schmit's district. The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I see many, many five hands, so all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye. Opposed nay. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Burrows, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the opposition to this bill, I think, is real simple. Let's talk about the way it is. We have the Farm Bureau. We have the Livestock Feeders and Stockgrowers Leadership, which have come in and effectively probably lobbied this bill. I think it's up to their membership to change the directions of the leadership of these farm organizations to reflect the feelings of the farmers of the State of Nebraska. I've been associated with this issue for some time and I think this is the issue. The Farmers Union, the National Farmers Organization, the American Ag people, the WIFEs, the Grange, have all expressed supportive positions to this bill, and I think when it goes to Washington and the movement that's going on in agriculture today, I think you'll find that these groups are reflecting the feel of, by far, the vast majority of farmers. Some of the organizations have not read the bill very well. The opposition has not brought up one specific single instance to explain how it jeopardizes the family farm operation, or family farm corporation, how it jeopardizes its ability to pass on this farm. We have defined and exempted the family farm corporation. We are willing to exempt the Subchapter S Corporation, the ten stockholders, or less, if they are our people and none of them aliens. No one has found where in Minnesota in the last six years this has been in existence, one single instance where it has jeopardized the family farm operation. I cannot understand how they are reading it into the bill. We go further than Minnesota and allow thirty years for this example, if the person gets off the farm to...for a grandson to come back and take part in that farm operation, or return to the personal ownership