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SENATOR GOODRICH: No problem. Mr. President and members of the body, first of all, let me state for the record that I am in wholehearted support of the bill and now let me tell you a couple of the reasons why I think we need it and we need it bad. For example, it was referred to that we had a street bond issue of \$25 million. Fine, and it passed but the street problems of Omaha alone are over \$250 million dollars. That is what it would take to get the street problems of Omaha solved. The sewer problems of Omaha would go over \$250 million also. That is a half a billion dollars no matter how you look at it. I have got a report on my desk back in the office where I ask the State Roads Department to put together a report for me reflecting the needs of Douglas and Sarpy County in just state highways alone. They put the report together and the needs of Douglas and Sarpy County put together are \$392 million. You think we haven't got problems in Omaha. We have got them all over the area up there. A \$25 million bond issue for streets is a drop in the bucket. As far as what Senator Chambers was referring to on housing. We have got the Callum Park Addition, housing project. We have got several of those housing projects going in Omaha right now. They are just putting one together, over \$30 million for housing in Omaha. We have got several of those kind of projects going. I am here to tell you we have got problems and we need this particular bill just to help solve them. It won't solve them. It will just help solve them, and with that, I would conclude by calling the question. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands to cease debate? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases. While we are moving into the next area, in the North balcony it is my privilege to introduce eleven Movite ladies who are wives of traffic engineers, 7 from Nebraska, 2 from Iowa and 2 from Missouri. Would you raise your hands so we can welcome you to the Legislature? And in the South balcony from Senator Cope and Kahle's District, 9 college