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hard decisions. I hope that you will vote against Senator Venditte's offered amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I most respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Venditte, you may close.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, indeed, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, we are rehashing old covered ground, but I think it is only because of the number of phone calls and the number of people that have come to my residence within the last...okay, Senator....within the last several days, and I can't help but feel that the majority of the people, and when I say the majority of the people of this state, I'm talking ninety percent... ninety percent of those people, in my opinion, favor the death penalty, and yet the forty-nine of us in here are attempting to at least change that. I don't think we should. I think we, at least, ought to give the people of the state of Nebraska a chance to vote on this very, very important issue. Yes, I said before, I don't like to see anyone die, I don't like to see anyone killed, as I'm sure the Governor feels, but ladies and gentlemen, in my opinion, I think the Governor would be making a serious mistake if when he gets this bill he signs this bill. The issue is very clear. I have nothing more to say. Senator Labedz did ask for a couple of minutes of my closing time, and Mr. Speaker, with your permission...

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Labedz may take the remaining...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you want her to take the remaining time?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Not all of it. I will be very brief.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Labedz, proceed.