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LB 329

motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Speaker Marvel, I ask for the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Hoagland, do you want to close on your motion?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would defer to Senator Koch for closing...the cosponsor, if I might, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, you are closing on the motion.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One time, many of you realize that I have never been a strong supporter of placing school boards or even city councils under a system of district elections. However, I have been somewhat frustrated in the last couple of years of trying to deal with the city, the biggest city of this state, in terms of what I call responsible leadership. All I have to do is remind you of the issues of that city now, the 90th Street people, who are about to have a four-lane highway stuck right in their neighborhood; the 78th and Pine area which is going to suffer a high impact of multiple dwelling residencies; the 90th and Berry area; the swimming pools that the city recently were going to close because of lack of funds for repairs in an area where these people have no voice. It probably is a big stick for the sales tax. The lack of intergovernmental cooperation on the part of the city with subdivisions of government in the area, and the lack of no representation, particularly in the areas recently annexed, in view of these kinds of issues which are big and are real, I think it's time that the city of Omaha elected their council by district and run at large. Only then will the citizens of the metropolitan city have a voice in the action and future of the city. I'm asking you to reconsider our vote on LB 329. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the reconsideration of