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talk about in public schools today isn't only present now, it was present then. So I would suggest that we should dignify this body and say to the public we can read, we can write, we do our homework. We have ample time to listen to the debate and discussion of every bill on this floor and those of us who are not probably do not have a keen interest and why should we all go through the torturous route of a Final Reading, when indeed it wastes about twenty percent of this body's time, and as long as we are on an artificial number of days, sixty and ninety, I think we ought to expedite every minute we can in terms of good use. I support the purpose of LB 436 and I would hope this body would too.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR MURPHY: I, for one, do not feel that this body is in all that big a hurry. We rush into some of the best mistakes in the world in our efforts to expedite matters that come before this body which are suppose to receive due and deliberate consideration. I think possibly last year's track record of bills brought back from Final Reading probably exceeds any previous year and yet we are talking about discontinuing it. I would remind you that about two or three years ago the State of Oklahoma, in their expeditious handling of a bill in the late days of the session, passed and forwarded to the Governor, who in the same expeditious manner signed it without reading it, and they gave all the property in the event of divorce that had been owned before, during or after the action was filed to the wife, flatly, totally in error. I don't think we are in that big a hurry. I think this body could, if anything, stand to be slowed down a little bit rather than speeded up. I most certainly would not support this contention. It is a last chance to look at a committee statement. It is a last chance to verify an amendment that was discussed and I just don't believe that this body is in that big of a hurry.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman and then Senator Newell.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I wish to call the question, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five seconds? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.