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Have you all voted on ceasing debate? I want to make sure that everybody knows what he or she is voting on so we will give you plenty of time to get to your buttons and vote. This is on ceasing debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases and, Senator Reutzel, you will mercifully close on this matter.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We have spent too much time on this already for a rather innocuous bill but then I guess we wasted a lot more time on Final Reading. I won't take very long but there were a couple of comments. Senator Nichol did not want me to mention any names so I won't do that. I just want to remind some of the senior members here about the criminal code Final Reading which took about six hours and all of the card games going on on the floor but we won't mention that. Senator Vickers had a point that we wanted to...we had many revisor's bills which caught the mistakes that we didn't catch on Final Reading. I think that is a perfect example of Final Reading not doing what the opponents of the bill say it is designed to do and to help Senator Venditte make up his mind. He said he was swayed by some of the senior members and perhaps we could take a straw vote from all the members in the body and add up the seniority on each side of the issue and then, Pat, maybe you could make up your mind then. We have one more shot at this on Select File. I would ask for a Call of the House and we will go from there.

PRESIDENT: All those in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. All legislators will return to their desks. All unauthorized personnel will leave the floor and all legislators will register your presence. Who are we missing, Mr. Clerk? Senator Sieck, will you let us know you are here. Senator Keyes, for what purpose do you wish attention?

SENATOR KEYES: A question of the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir, state your question.

SENATOR KEYES: Would it be possible to make this a