

committees in looking at this. It's a vital problem, it is a very expensive portion of our state expenditures and it is something that deserves looking at.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Simon and here is the reasons that I do. I think that it is too late in the season. We only have 14 days left. We have a lot of tax bills, we have a lot of personal property tax relief bills. We have got other property tax relief bills. We have got state aid to education and I could go on and on. The Public Health and Welfare Committee chose to not put this bill to the floor. I think for good reasons. I truly believe in the committee system so I would have to go along with them. I know that they evaluated the pros and cons and they chose not to advance this bill. I feel that the nursing homes in Nebraska are doing a pretty fair job. I know that they have problems. Heck, we all have problems. Senator Simon, you have problems in the meat business. I have problems in my own business but I don't think a study is going to solve some of these problems. At the present time the nursing homes are a highly regulated business. In fact in talking to some of them, to some of the administrators of these homes, I find that some of them say that they have too many regulations, that they are burdened with these regulations and rules and that they spend a lot of time just filling out forms. I visited quite a few of these homes and I made a special attempt to visit them and visit with, not only with the administrators but with some of the help. I feel that this bill is not urgent and if Senator Simon wants to have a study all he has to do is toss in a resolution. I urge you to oppose this and I have hopes that Senator Simon would withdraw his motion.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate now cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.