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five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, Mr. President, just a few remarks. Senator Koch said let's get in tune, let's get in tune with the other states. I say, okay, Senator Koch, let's get in tune with the other 49 states and have two houses instead of one. I think that is one of the poorest excuses you could have used to support this bill. I won't say "excuse", I will say "reason" because I could find no reason to support the bill, no input from the citizens, no phone calls, no letters, no uprising. It took five meetings to even get it out of the committee. So I would ask the Senators, we have debated it, and debated it, and amended it, let's just postpone it so I ask you to vote to postpone, vote "yes" on the motion to postpone on 209. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KOCH: A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: State your (interruption).

SENATOR KOCH: I want to correct the record. The Constitution says we have one house. That is in constitutional law so we have no control over that and, Senator Haberman, you know that as well as I do and you shouldn't make those incorrect statements on the floor.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. The motion before the House is Senator Haberman's kill motion. All those in favor of indefinitely postponing the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, a point of information, I see that Senator Wiitala is listed as voting but I do not see him in his chair. Did he cast that vote? If not, (mike off) the body is deserving of an explanation.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, Senator Wiitala is visiting with some students and he asked me to punch that button for him and I am sure he is here to answer for himself. That is not unusual here. That has been going on for several weeks.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record the vote.

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