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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I move the question.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, just a point of order. I would remind the Chair that no one has spoken on this issue other than the introducer of the motion and I think at least five or ten more minutes of debate would be appropriate. There has been no debate at all except for the introducer's introduction of the motion.

SENATOR NICHOL: Then vote red and we will continue on with the debate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, can there be no debate at all on a motion?

SENATOR NICHOL: On the kill motion? Well the question has been called and if I....(interruption.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Since when in this body, Mr. Speaker, have we had a kill motion that has not been able to be debated?

SENATOR NICHOL: Then vote red.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I don't remember a precedent for this.

SENATOR NICHOL: Then question the Speaker and challenge the Speaker and we will get it to a vote in a hurry. Senator Chambers, for what reason do you arise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I was hoping that there could be a certain level of dignity accorded to the discussion of this matter and because everybody has said it is so important I don't see that the movement on the hands of the clock should determine when the subject has been exhausted. And I think it is wrong for those who favor this kind of bill to do so much talk, Senator Howard Peterson and others, about freedom of religion and the right to express yourself, to then create a situation on the floor of the Legislature where debate is cut off because you happen to have the numbers on this floor. It is as unreasonable I think for the Chair, from my point of view, Mr. Chairman, to say well vote red then on this proposition about ceasing debate as some people feel it is to say, well if these religious people don't like the current law, let them go to jail.