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SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: The time is now and let's vote for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I move the previous question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Jackie Smith, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to briefly state, Senator Landis, I don't see him right now, but you know I agree that there has been a lot of work that must have gone into putting this bill together. But I think that what we are dealing with here is a very important issue. This issue affects the children of our state. I'm not just talking about the children that live in the urban sections in our State of Nebraska. I am talking about the rural children. We should be concerned that we are talking about all the children here. If we have to go back to square one, then so be it, let's be willing to go back to square one. I think that when we are talking about a study I'd like to see this be more than just a study. If you say that studies have gone on in the past and nothing has ever resulted from those studies then let's call this a working study to resolve the issues. I think that the time has come that the people throughout the state recognize the fact. You can see that evidenced by the fact that you have all of these folks sitting in, listening to this session. They recognize the fact this is...it is here and it's now, let's deal with the issue. So, for these reasons, I would urge you to support my amendment to conduct this...if you want to call it an interim study you can call it whatever you want to, a working session to resolve the issue and then get on with it. Thank you.