

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the situation that we are dealing with now it seems to me with the Chambers amendment would narrow it down even more which I thought was not the direction that Senator Chambers wanted to go. It seems to me that what we would be doing if we adopted the Chambers amendment is saying to all those CPA's who were CPA's before we made it a requirement, that you had to have a degree in order to become a CPA would simply disfranchise all those folks. And we undoubtedly must think they are qualified or they wouldn't be CPA's and performing the duties of CPA's. It seems to me that what we are dealing with and I am sure that if this is the case, and Senator Chambers can certainly correct me if I am wrong, but I think there was a time in Nebraska's history when you could be an attorney and never ever go to law school. I think that is still the case in some states yet today that you can actually take the bar exams or whatever they are called and, therefore, be an attorney and do all the things that attorneys can do and never ever darken the doors of a law college. Personally, I don't think that is such a bad idea if you can pass the test and do the duties, fine, but nevertheless, we are not going to go back that direction in the state, I am sure. I think we all know the reasons why and probably a logical reason for it. So in essence it seems to me that this would make...the Chambers amendment would make this office even more elitist than what the current amendment attempts to do and I don't think that is elitist at all because all I was trying to do is to say that there has to be some knowledge of the subject that you are dealing with and not narrow it down to only certain people within that subject matter. So I would urge you to reject the Chambers amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, please.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, I would call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The 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. We are voting on ceasing debate. If you care to vote, please do so. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.