

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called and I will put it to you. Do I see five seconding hands? I do. The question is, shall the debate now close? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The debate is closed. Before I recognize Senator Chambers, Senator Hefner, did you want to be recognized for a very small point, personal privilege?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I appreciate given this opportunity. I want to correct a statement that I made on this floor about two hours ago. I said that this Initiative petition was...or this constitutional amendment was approved by the voters by over 80 percent and I was told that this morning by a group of people and this is wrong. I understand that it was just slightly over a majority and so I would like to correct that statement.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Lynch to close.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members, Senator Hefner, I appreciate the comment. I was going to yield to Senator Hefner, in fact, so he could clarify that point. In fact, to make sure you all understand exactly what it was, 56 percent of the people voting voted yes, or 290,000 of the 514,000 people voting. That represented about 35 percent of the registered voters in the state. Depending on how you look at it, 65 percent of the people in the state either didn't vote or voted no. So this wasn't overwhelming. However, 56 percent of the people who did vote voted in favor of it, which meant, if you look at it from numbers, if 4 percent of the people had changed their mind and voted the other way, it would not have passed across the state. I guess if you equated that 4 percent of the people who voted against the \$400 million, whatever it was that Prudential put into the campaign, it may not have