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take a sword and whack the baby in half. And you remember which one said no? The real mother. Occasionally I think we forget who we are really hurting in this is children in the name of helping grandparents. I urge you to vote against the advancement of LB 105.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I simply rise to support this measure, LB 105, and simply I was going to say the time has come, and I guess the Fremont Tribune also has taken those words, so I think the time has come that we give grandparents rights, the visitation rights in this state. So, I urge you to support the advancement of this measure. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I'd call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Lowell Johnson, would you like to close, please. Oh, Senator Hoagland, I'm sorry.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me, Mr. Speaker, just make a few brief comments in closing, and then give the rest of the closing time to Senator Labeledz. I know some of you have reservations about grandparent visitation, and I share those. I've had those in the past. It is not an easy issue. It is a difficult issue. It is an emotional issue. But let me just give you a couple of thoughts. Number one, what this bill does is it gives grandparents access to the courts. It allows them an avenue to go to the courts and make their case. Secondly, with cooperation of Senator Johnson's office and the Judiciary Committee we have imposed four important safeguards on grandparent visitation. We have carefully structured this bill so it contains four safeguards. Number one, it must be in the best interest of