

36 states when we deal with the initiative on a constitutional amendment. They have no opportunity to second guess their legislative bodies. When you go down to the referendum by petition, there is 26 states that also ask for no input from the citizens. They deal with what their representatives give them and I would say to you that Nebraska has a very good system. I would not want us to move away from that. But I would take real heed with what Senator Rupp has said and what he has brought forward to us in this legislative resolution constitutional amendment to change the percentages, that we are looking at not what has happened in the past, in the past 20 years, as Senator Lamb has brought to our attention, but what we are going to be looking at, I think, in the next 10 years to come, the number of referendums that are going to be brought to us and initiatives by the people when we have the percentages at the current level that they are at that were set back 70 years ago, 75 years ago. I would urge the body to reject the Abboud kill motion and then to debate the bill further today. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please. 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. Please vote if you care to. We are voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Abboud, would you like to close on your motion?

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yes, Mr. President, could we have a call of the house prior to beginning?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence. Those not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Unauthorized personnel, please leave the floor and Sergeants at Arms, please round up the members who are not here. And