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SENATOR ABOUD: Why don't I go ahead and start the closing?

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, proceed on your closing.

SENATOR ABOUD: Colleagues, this is a kill motion on LR 318. There has been, I don't know, Senator Rupp, we were joking prior to this time in days prior to today about whether the kill motion should be offered. Senator Rupp says the bill is not going to be pushed by him beyond Select File but I always get a little nervous when an individual picks a particular bill as their priority bill just for discussion purposes. And for that reason I chose to put a kill motion on LR 318 because I do feel that there is enough...there is certain animosity towards the petition drives that have occurred in the last year or two in this body to an extent where I feel that there could be the votes to push the bill out before the public. And with that I offered the kill motion to this particular resolution. Now, I would like you to turn your attention to the first page of that handout where it is under 1912. In 1912 there was an initiative and referendum authorization that was submitted to the voters in the State of Nebraska. Now, this was resoundingly accepted by the voters, 189,200 in favor of it and only 15,000 were against. I don't believe that the public has changed their viewpoint on their desire to have initiative and referendum placed before them. I think they like this privilege. They rarely use the privilege but they do like to have it in instances where they feel that there is something wrong in the law and they have rarely used it. If you will note, as Senator Lamb mentioned, the initiative and referendum process has been rarely used in the last 20 years, which you will also note that the Legislature has submitted a number of different proposals to the general public. In 1970 the Legislature submitted 17 proposals to the public and through the normal initiative referendum process of petition the voters submitted none. In 1972 the Legislature submitted 16, the public submitted zero. In '74 it reduces down from there but there was a time in there where the Legislature was dumping in a number of different