

Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, please.

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

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. Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Just a minute.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Rupp, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. Speaker, it is that time of the afternoon when people are drifting away. I request a call of the house for closing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you ask for a call of the house? The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 3 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 promptly. Thank you. Senator Goodrich, Senator Baack, Senator Harris, Senator Higgins, Senator Lamb, Senator Sieck, Senator Warner, Withem, Senator Vickers. Senator Rupp, you want to begin talking? All right.

SENATOR RUPP: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, we have had a good debate on this and that is really all I wanted. I want to address a few things that were raised. Some numbers on how many times this has been used, quickly, I think the numbers have been bandied about not correctly. In Nebraska legislative initiative has been used 10 times. The legislative referendum has been used 12 times and in 9 instances the public prevailed and rejected the legislative enactment. Constitutional amendment has been used 16 times, half were adopted and half were defeated. But I want to address Senator Abboud's point about how many numbers of this and that and the ballot has not been