

hearing on this issue and I think our rules say that we're supposed to have a public hearing. I'm happy and pleased that the Governor vetoed this and what we'll be doing if we override this veto will be putting a lot of pressure on the Supreme Court just as we did several years ago. And the reason why is because we set their salaries, we set their retirement, and so they'll perhaps find a way to make it constitutional and I think this is wrong. Our Constitution, as we study it, says nothing about a retirement. They say we're supposed to receive so much in salary and so much in expenses, but it leaves the word "retirement" out of there. I think it's wrong to be overriding this veto. I think we ought to sustain it and if we do override this veto, we'll certainly lose the credibility that we have here if we have any left. I would say to this body, if we want to do it the right way, come in next year, introduce a constitutional amendment, hold a public hearing, debate it on the floor here and send it out to the people and let them vote on it like it is supposed to be done. This way we'll be able to discuss and debate the pros and cons of a retirement for the state legislators in Nebraska and then we'll put it on the ballot and the people will have the last say about it. So I would urge you at this late hour to not override this veto, to sustain his veto.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. We have had even debate. I'll put the question to you and I see five hands, shall the debate close? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

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

PRESIDENT: The debate is closed. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would just like to address a couple of things Senator Heffner said. He said it would put too much pressure on the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's job is to resolve controversy so that's not even a consideration, but it is interesting to me to be concerned about pressure on the Supreme Court, but he wasn't concerned about the pressure that could be brought to bear on city councils with reference to giving them the power to