

probably that we haven't seen in this body in a long, long time that is happening here this afternoon. To me, this quiet and meaningful expression of opinions is what the legislative process is all about. Senator Chambers, one who has been opposed to us many times, one who we oppose many times is a statesman and recognized that he had within his ability the privilege of doing what we are doing right now of reconsidering an action that maybe we should have or maybe we shouldn't have taken this morning. And Senator Hall, who by virtue of taking a recess this noon, along with some of the rest of us, has had time to reflect on what was presented to us, what we had done and whether we needed to reexamine it. Ladies and gentlemen, I say to you, it is indeed a high point today in the State of Nebraska for this Legislature to put, as Tim Hall said, not a big patch on a big hole, but at least a little one that is going to help us to some degree when January comes around and what Senator Schmit has said, we're going to continue to face this, but it's going to be less of an impact. I don't like what we've done, I don't like what we've done all year and I think that I have said that and I think that the Appropriations Committee has said that time and time and again, knowing full well that it is going to have an impact on the people of cutting and cutting and cutting. And I don't know how many times we have done that, but I can honestly say to you, if we want the State of Nebraska to continue in any sense of being strong, we have to look realistically at its operations as we're doing this afternoon. I commend you to look seriously at this next vote and let's preserve Nebraska as one of the better states and keep it solvent and operating the way we should and accept our responsibility as a liaison between the people back home and the State of Nebraska. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Carsten. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. There are about eight other names on the list. I do see five hands and I'll put the question to you. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.