

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Yes, I do see five hands. Thank you. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. The question is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Scofield, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. Speaker, we seem to be short a few members this morning. Can we have a call of the house before we do the close?

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The house is under call. All senators please return to your seats and press your green button. Those that are outside the Chamber that can hear my voice, please return to the Chamber and register your presence. We are looking for Senator Chizek, Senator Haberman, Senator Pirsch, Senator Hefner. Senator Warner, would you press your button, please. Once again, the Chair will request those that are not in the Chamber to please return and register your presence. Those of you who have returned, would you please record your presence. Senator Pirsch, please. Senator Hartnett, will you register your presence for us, please. Senator Pirsch, please. Senator Scofield, everyone that is not excused is now present. Would you like to proceed with your closing, please?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and let me just reiterate why you are here since many of you were off the floor. I apologize for calling the Revenue Committee out to do this but I want you to hear the close. I have proposed that we state that it is the intent of the Legislature that we phase out the Lincoln Nursing Program and over a three-year period, and reallocate those General Funds to the Scottsbluff Nursing Program. Let me tell you why I am proposing this. First of all, the concern raised on the floor yesterday about the Scottsbluff program was one of cost, and saying we cannot afford