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beyond the walls of this room as far as their impact. The dye is cast and we all know exactly what we're going to do and I believe what will be done at eleven...whatever time we vote or shortly after noon, high noon, Senator Scott Moore, high noon at the Okay Corral. It won't be any different at high noon than it would have been at 9:01 a.m. this morning. So, since I am the last speaker, I'm trying to make sure that we end on a very amiable note. But to show that everything was a foregone conclusion, this is a very serious issue but there is no electricity in the air this morning, no emotional outbursts, no raised voices, none of the kinds of things that you could expect from a legislative body where there is a very controversial issue. There is really no controversy at all this morning. Going through the motions, putting ourselves through our paces and now comes the time to wrap it all up. I voted on the majority side as a member of the Executive Board and my mind has not been changed from that position, so I will vote the same way today that I voted then. The law that we enacted is crystal clear and unambiguous. Ballots shall not be counted under certain circumstances. If we go the contrary route, we're going to say what "shall" means really is "shall not". I'm going to watch and see the outcome. I've already made my prediction and I will find out how close to the truth I was.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: I will call the question and I guess it's nice that Senator Chambers figured me out, or something, but I will call the question.

SENATOR WARNER: Question. Could I see five hands? Seeing five hands, those in favor...Clerk, record.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: The motion carried, debate ceases. I recognize Senator Baack to close.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Chairman and colleagues, as a supporter of the majority report from the Executive Board, I'm going to tell you that it's one of the most difficult decisions that I've ever had to make. I can tell you, very frankly, that it was very, very difficult for me to sit across the desk from Senator Byars the next morning and say to stay within the law, to follow the law, I had to vote that he be unseated. That's not easy.