

Robinson, you are entitled to close.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, this is then closing so the bill will, in effect, get to a vote. I just wanted to explain to the members why I did not call for a call of the house. There were eight people, I had twenty votes, there were eight people left. I suspect the amendment would have passed. But if I would have had a call of the house, call-in votes, we were at nine twenty-eight, that would have taken at least two minutes, the bill would not advance. I told Senator Robinson I would not hurt his bill. So in order to keep my pledge to Senator Robinson, I did not do so, even though I believed the amendment would pass. I'm disappointed, I think the body basically has put in a policy where one individual, who has no checks and balances, will make the decision. I think that's poor policy, but nonetheless, it still is better than what we have at this point. I'll come back next year and hopefully we'll have a little bit longer discussion on that. But I wanted to explain why I didn't do the call of the house, because I promised Senator Robinson I would not jeopardize his bill. I appreciate the thirty seconds, Senator Robinson. The closing now is back to you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Robinson. No further closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 1034 to E & R Engrossing. All those in fav... All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. LB 1034 advances. Senator Beutler wishes to announce that the Doctor of the Day today is Dr. Robert Wergin, from Lincoln, Nebraska, who is here. Dr. Wergin, will you please stand and be recognized. And I would also like to announce that I have a junior high student, from Lefler Junior High, here in Lincoln, who is a ninth grader, Kerry Carmin (phonetic) is here with me this morning, who is shadowing me this morning. Kerry, would you please stand and be recognized. LB 1034A.

CLERK: LB 1034A, I have no amendments to the bill, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Madam President, I move LB 1034A be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. LB 1034A advances.