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please take their seats. Now, we will record your presence.

CLERK: Senator Carpenter voting aye on the original motion.

SPEAKER: Senator Savage moves the Call be raised. Those in favor of raising Call vote aye. Those opposed vote no. The clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: Senator Duis voting no on the original motion. Senator Chambers voting aye on the original motion. 31 ayes, Mr. President, to raise the Call.

SPEAKER: The Call is Raised. Will the clerk read the votes?

CLERK: Motion to advance is 26 ayes, 10 nays, 13 not voting.

SPEAKER: LB 231 advances to Enrollment and Review. The next bill on General File is LB 339.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 339, the bill was considered on February 23rd. Read title. The bill was read on February 23rd and was laid over. The committee amendments submitted by Senator Fred Carstens' Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee were adopted. There is pending an amendment by Senator Carpenter to strike the word "may" and insert "shall" on lines 2 and 7. That motion is pending.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, this has been discussed amply and I would only hope if those who vote to adopt the amendments will continue to support the bill through Final Reading. Now, if you don't intend to do that, don't adopt the amendments. So, I ask for the previous question. Let's vote on it.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, you've asked for the previous question, but Senator Snyder wished to speak on the motion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: OK. I yield.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I appreciate Senator Carpenter allowing me the courtesy of speaking on this bill. I am unalterably opposed against the Legislature continuing to tell all school boards and all counties and all cities what to do. Now, I'm certainly in agreement with LB 339 as it reads, but I do not want to make it mandatory that we are going to force these political subdivisions to bear further expenditures of local tax dollars, but at the direction of the state Legislature. We've done this more than on one occasion this year already and I would hate to see a tally sheet of the times it has been done in the three years that I have been here. I think the Legislature without any doubt is at the top of the stack of political groups in this state and it should be, but there are several bills that are still pending in which the state is not taking any responsibility fiscally wise. It's awfully easy for a group of Legislators to sit here and say, "Yes, I agree with that idea", and in this case I certainly do. At the same time, I just simply do not feel qualified to run the government of 93 counties and some 500 cities. I think that the Legislature could show its intent, thinking that it is a good thing, but if we are going to force this down the throats literally of counties and cities and school districts and everyone else, then I think we also ought to be strong enough to provide the dollars for it. Otherwise, let's say that the Legislature agrees it is a good thing and we can show our support for that idea by passing the bill, as long as we make it permissive, and then let the local subdivisions, the cities, the counties, and the schools decide what is best for