

SENATOR HABERMAN: Call of the house, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman has requested a call of the house. Clear the board. Members are now voting on placing themselves under call. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is, shall the house go under call? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 7 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body,....

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, excuse me. Would members please return to their seats. Members please return to their seats. The house is under call, please return to your seats. Check in. Members, please check in. The house is under call. Those outside the Chamber, please return to the Chamber. Unauthorized personnel, please leave the floor. Return to your seats, please. Senator Beyer, please check in. Senator Chizek, Senator Dierks, Senator McFarland, please return to the Chamber. Senator Moore, please check in. Senator Peterson, please check in. Senator Pirsch, Senator Chambers, the house is under call. Senator Smith, please record your presence. Senator Wesely. Senator Haberman, would you care to proceed. Thank you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, for eight years I've been going home, and when I meet with civic organizations, or I see people in the coffee shop I have been telling them, do not blame the Legislature for raising your real estate taxes, that is local government that raises your real estate taxes, we operate on sales tax and income tax. Well, last year we raised the mill limit on voc tech schools. So, in essence, this body, this body then raised the real estate taxes of everybody in a voc tech school area that took advantage of that increase. So, I am guilty of being a part of raising the real estate taxes of the citizens. Now my people tell me sales tax, fine, raise it; income tax, one way or the other, they don't care. But they are angry about their real estate taxes. If we pass this legislation as it is, Lincoln, Omaha, Grand Island, Hastings, and the cities will pay much more taxes than the farmer because their property taxes are higher. So it is some of the city folks that are really going to get the honker on this. So, what I am saying to this body, and what my amendment does, my amendment strikes Section 3, it leaves it at