

of offices and some of us like it when there is only one person running for Legislature and we don't have an opponent, but we are still going to have an election. That, of course, is not my situation this year but some of you lucky people will probably be in that situation. But to just say that in some cases nobody runs for that office so we should not have an election, to me, does not make a lot of sense because that happens in many offices all the way from the county level up through all the state and federal offices in this state, and so that is not really a valid argument. And then I would just reiterate my previous argument that we are taking away flexibility. Senator Miller said we should provide a system which is more flexible, which is more applicable to the situation that exists. Well, LB 128 does exactly opposite of that. It limits the choices. Under present law, and, as Senator Rogers will tell you, they have not, in his county they have not had a county superintendent for years. They share it with another county. That flexibility is there. What we are, under LB 128, taking away is the flexibility of electing the county superintendent if that is the desire of the local people through their county board. So I see no reason for the bill, no need for the bill. It muddies this whole situation that we are trying to solve in regard to the consolidation issue, and so I would urge you to indefinitely postpone the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall LB 128 be indefinitely postponed? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to? Senator Miller.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President, I think since this is only a majority vote we ought to get off dead center. I would ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence. Those not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber and record your presence, and please return to your seats after you have recorded your presence. Three are excused. Please look up to see if your light is illuminated, like Senator Vard Johnson, like Senator Pirsch. Senator Lynch. We are