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LB 399

SENATOR LANDIS: ...register their either approval or disapproval of this measure?

SENATOR PIRSCH: There are so many out of the room that...and perhaps we will need a call of the house, anyway, for the question itself.

SENATOR LANDIS: Seems to me that, in fact, we are poised at the precipice, we better have a call of the house.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...call of the house. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: All those in favor of going under call please vote aye, those opposed vote no. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: We are under call. Please return to your seat and check in, please. Senator Pirsch permits or requests, rather, that call in votes be allowed on the issue of calling the question on the advancement of 399.

CLERK: Senator Baack voting yes. Senator Peterson voting yes. Senator Ashford voting yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: We have called the question. You are now entitled to close, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Quite frankly, I don't understand why Senator Chambers is not wholeheartedly in favor of this bill. It appears to me that the dignity and, indeed, the togetherness or the community support would be more favorable, under this kind of electronic surveillance, house arrest, than if this person goes to jail. Don't forget, they have been sentenced. There is no question as to the fact that they will go to jail. LB 399 (sic) would just put into statute that authorization that would say to that person, you have been sentenced, under the law you have an alternative, you can stay home with your family, perhaps even hold down your job and have the alternative to being locked away in jail, to have your