

Senator Schmit, please record your presence. Senator Pirsch, please. Senator Peterson. Senator Smith, please record your presence. Senator Haberman, Senator Chambers, Senator Landis, Senator Pirsch. Senator Chambers, please. Senator Hall, we have everyone present except Senator Landis. Should we proceed or...

SENATOR HALL: Isn't Senator Landis on his way?

SPEAKER BARRETT: We don't have that information. His phone line is busy.

SENATOR HALL: Well, let's go ahead because...call the roll.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Roll call vote has been requested. Members, please return to your seats. The question is the adoption of the Hall amendment to the Schmit amendment to LB 643. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1426-27 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. The call is raised. Senator Schmit, back to the amendment. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't have much to say about the amendment as amended. I'd just ask you to vote for the amendment, I guess.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the Schmit amendment? Senator Hall, do you care to discuss the amendment? Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Sometimes in the morning it is difficult for the body to get into the grind of things, but I hope that the body will take a little bit of time to look at what we have before us because there are some subtle differences. There are not glaring differences but subtle differences. I want to give a brief history, if I can, of 1165 and what we tried to do and why we have 643, what 643 is intended to do, and I believe would do, and the differences between that and the Schmit amendment, if I can do so briefly. Last year if you will remember, the Legislature passed a \$7.7 million package to give to, basically, all areas that were affected that had a levy from cemeteries, to counties, school