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senators wishing to speak to the committee amendments as offered by Senator Lynch. Does anyone wish to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Lynch?

SENATOR LYNCH: I had my light on to speak to it as well, but if I'm limited in time then I guess I'm limited to time. Please remember that this recommendation was made to serve the integrity of the system and this body. Some of us can read into what possibly is happening today as as good an indication of an urban-rural split, not just tied to taxes but tied to the integrity of how we manage our own business on the floor as anything...as any indicator we have had for a long time. You have now a chance with the three to vote for a system based on the one-person...Madam Chairman, I've never done this before and I know some people already have their minds made up and don't want to be confused with the facts, but I can hear everything Rex is saying back there and I've never asked for some order in the past and I don't think this is a funny issue. This is pretty damn important and if they don't want to listen, why don't they leave. I know how they're going to vote. (Gavel.) Thank you. Never done that before but I think it's important that we all recognize the seriousness of this. And if you didn't hear me, I will say it again. If there was never an indicator of urban and rural split, this is probably as good as we're going to get. It's a coalition of people who don't want to see the concept and principle and the integrity of a one-person, one-vote rule established for organizational purposes in this body. They want to maintain the status quo, the system that provides for some an opportunity over others. You know that, I know that, and I will say no more than that. It's up to you. I hope you can reach down in your hearts and satisfy the integrity of this issue and vote for the three caucuses as recommended by the committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. We will now vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 285-86 of the Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 24 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are not adopted. Mr. Clerk, do you have further amendments on the desk?