

amending an unconstitutional law, a law that we probably shouldn't have passed, a law that was supposedly going to be vetoed but wasn't, slipped through the cracks, was enacted, it was challenged by the cities and is currently in litigation and is my opinion will be declared unconstitutional so we're talking about amending an unconstitutional law. Now if they come back next year and we...the courts decide that by January of next year, which I believe that they will, then we can take up this issue and we can talk about putting additional taxing, taking additional money from these cities if that's what we want to do. But it's premature right now, it's very premature. They're not going anywhere. The cities' monies, the revenue will continue to come in so let's wait until January to take up this issue again. Legislation was introduced to change it this year. I don't believe...I don't know if it made it out of committee or not, I know mine didn't but I don't know if Senator Will's did or not, but the issue will be around...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...and we will be able to take it up at that time. Let's wait until January. I urge you to adopt the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. We will now vote on the Abboud amendment to the Hall amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Abboud amendment? Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: I'd request a call of the house and I would accept call-in votes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the Chamber and record their presence. Would the senators please check in. The house is under call. We do have a request for a roll call vote. Would the senators please check in. The house is under call. Please record your presence. Would the senators please check in. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please check in. We're looking for Senator