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noose so tight? Is it a bad thing to have flexibility with respect to that particular occupation tax? I don't see why it is, especially in light of the fact that we now certainly have property taxes curtailed. We haven't fixed the problem entirely but, if anything, by allowing an increase in the franchise tax, I think you could keep the pressure off the property tax. It would seem to me that it would work to that end in a number of different kinds of cases and situations. I don't see what's wrong with a little bit of flexibility in the system and a little more local control. So, with that, I would put the motion to you for your judgment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question before the body is the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 329. And this is a simple majority. All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Microphone malfunction) ...call of the house and roll call vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question before the body is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye; opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unexcused personnel, please leave the floor. All unexcused senators please report in. The house is under call. Senators, please check in; the house is under call. Senator Pedersen, would you check in, please. Senator Pedersen, would you check in, please. Senator Chambers, Senator Foley, Senator Jim Jones. Senator Jones, would you check in, please. Senator Foley and Senator Chambers, would you please check in; the house is under call. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, all present or accounted for; please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 710.) 16 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President.