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designated the Chair of the Judicial Qualifications Commission. When they have a hearing, the Chief Justice presides. But when a vote is taken as to whether or not a judge is going to have charges filed, the Chief Justice does not vote. If the Governor makes all of the appointments and the Governor sits as Chair, the Governor should not vote, the Governor or the Governor's designee. And I think that is a subject worthy of amendment. And if the amendment is not successful, it's worthy of waging the battle to try to have it accepted. This amendment that we're...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...discussing...thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the closing on FA1516, which is an amendment to the first division of the divided committee amendments to LB 962. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'd ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall the house go under call? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. The house is under call. Senators Jensen, Bromm, Vrtiska, Byars. Senators Brashear, Don Pederson, Johnson, and Jones. Senators Kruse, Wehrbein, Quandahl, Price. Senators McDonald, Baker, Foley, and Erdman. The house is under call. Senator Jensen. Senator Bromm. Senator Vrtiska. Senator Jones. Senators Johnson, McDonald, Quandahl, Foley, and Baker. Senators Kruse, Raikes, Brashear, and Senator Don Pederson. Senator Vrtiska, please check in. The house is under call. Senator Raikes and Senator