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Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Landis, do you want to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I would first call for a Call of the House to ensure that we have the full membership here to vote on this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please take their seats, record your presence, encourage unauthorized personnel to leave the floor. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Mike off) to continue my closing during this interim while people are checking in, if you would like to save time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: Members of the Legislature, Mr. Speaker, I think the relationship is clear between mass transportation and the future of our service transportation network around this state. I hope that you will endorse that idea by passing on this amendment. If there have been problems in the rural areas on LB 704 or whatever, those are separate issues than this one. However, let me say that the essential problem here is that we have isolated certain systems for full funding and other systems have not been fully funded. Senator Warner suggests that what we need to do is prorate and not fully fund everyone but to keep in the same percentage for all systems in their amount of funding. I think that that only means that we erode our commitment to mass transportation. I am not for taking money away from rural transportation systems and giving them to urban transportation systems. I am for fully funding mass transportation around this state for the seniors, for the handicapped, for the rural areas and for the urban areas because in the end mass transportation is one of the few strategies that make sense in our times of declining energy resources and it also will maximize our dollar expenditures for streets and for road maintenance. Those should be the kinds of goals economically that this body

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