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to the mast of the ship and continue on the course which we know is a good course. History has proven that it is a good course.

PRESIDENT: One minute Senator.

SENATOR BARRETT: Lets not deviate. Thank you Mr. President. The other fellow that got past that little island in the Tyrrhenian Sea was Orpheus. Orpheus was in the ship of the Argonauts and Orpheus himself had a very beautiful voice, just like the sirens. A loud voice and it was a beautiful voice. As his ship got close to that island, he started singing loudly and beautifully and the sailors on his ship didn't even hear the siren songs. All they heard was Orpheus and his loud and beautiful voice and perhaps that says something to us. Maybe that is the answer today. Perhaps we should shut out confusion and the misunderstanding and the mistrust and yes even the misstatements. Continue on our course, a course which we know is right and let's start talking and singing proudly and loudly about a banking structure in this state which is fine. We use a cliché in here, if it isn't broken why fix it. I repeat it, why should we. It is a good system and then sing loudly and proudly about that system superior to the systems in most of the states in the union. A system which says to us, by a majority vote we don't want multibank holding companies. I ask you to vote for my amendment. I suggest to you that a vote against the amendment is a vote for multibank holding company legislation. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Question before the House is the adoption of the Barrett amendment to 376. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Voting on the Barrett amendment. Senator Barrett, do you wish to have a Call of the House?

SENATOR BARRETT: I do Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: I'll advise you at this time. There are four excused right now. Yes, Senator Lamb is here. Motion is shall the House go under Call. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Four are excused. Would all of you register your presence please. Now, will you re-register your presence. It is only Senator Chambers, Senator Barrett who is not here. Do you wish to go ahead then with the roll call vote? All right proceed Mr. Clerk with the roll call vote on the Barrett amendment. Proceed.

CLERK: Roll call vote. 18 ayes, 25 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting. Vote appears on page 1999 of the Legislative Journal.