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that you understand that what we are trying to do here is to give a balanced approach to a problem that confronts the consumer, number one; number two, the contractor and the subcontractor. And I believe that we have accomplished that in this particular amendment to 512. I believe we have treated the subject fairly. I think we have outlined it in a very specific manner, in a simple manner, one that even a layman like myself can understand, and I defy any of you who are on this floor who are layman to take the original 512 and read it and tell me what it says. I don't believe you can. Let me emphasize that a contractor, the major contractor, can file for himself and all subcontractors so there is no need for a lot of fees to be paid. That I would emphasize and I think if the amendment becomes law, that is the basis on which most of the lien filings would take place. So I would just urge this body to seriously consider the importance of our adopting a law in this session that can stand the test of time and that will stay on the books for some time and that will be fair to all. I would urge your adoption of the amendment, and I would repeat that this is not my amendment alone, that it was signed by Senators Nichol, Senator Sieck, Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator Bill Burrows. All of us have consented to this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question is the adoption of the Peterson amendment. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would ask for a Call of the House, please, and a roll call vote.

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

CLERK: 20 ayes, 3 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators return to your seats. Record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Okay, everybody is supposed to be here. Senator Fenger, Senator Burrows, Senator Wiitala, Senator Warner, Senator Schmit, Senator Lamb, Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator Howard Peterson, Senator Sieck, Senator Pirsch, Senator Haberman. Do you want a roll call vote? Okay, everyone is present. Call the roll.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 2147 and 2148 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President.