SENATOR HIGGINS: How many are excused today?

SPEAKER MARVEL: One.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I don't like to ask for a Call of the
House. Is the House under Call right now, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, ma'am It doesn't appear so but we
technically are.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In that case, I will just ask for a check
in and a roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record your presence please. Senator
Cullan, will you please record your presence? Senator
Burrows, will you record your presence? Senator Koch, will
you record your presence? Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely,
record your presence. The House is under Call. Senator
Vickers, the House is under Call. Everybody is accounted
for except Senator Koch and he is in the back of the room.
Are you ready to call the roll? Okay, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 2169, Legislative
Journal.) 18 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to
return the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. While we are waiting for the
next item, from Senator Dworak's District we welcome 31 sixth
grade students and three adults, St. Isidore, Columbus, Nebraska,
teachers, Sister Rosann, Mrs. Mary Lou Green, in the North
balcony. Hold up your hands, will you, so we can....

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to recon-
sider the Vickers amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the first motion before the House is
to reconsider our action on adopting the Vickers amendment
and it is Senator Wesely's motion. Do you want to speak to
that motion? Senator Wesely. Go ahead, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, just very briefly, I think that I did
vote for the amendment and I think on reflection that it has
become clear that perhaps the arguments on behalf of Senator
Vickers are probably not...weren't completely understood by
everybody. What we were talking about is allowing the elected
officials a say in the claims process, and as Senator DeCamp
pointed out, the Legislature would be the court of last resort
and we will be the elected officials which will determine
whether or not claims are finally approved or disapproved,
and so quite possibly there really isn't a point in which to