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here. My underlying reason, not only is the merit of the issue, however, is the extremely bad precedent of attempting to use an A bill for general amendments to appropriation bill and I have argued the point on a rule change because I think the rule is very clear that the A bill should not be used for this purpose, only to be used for the funding of the substantive legislation that accompanies the A bill, but I felt so strongly that the merit of my argument could prevail with 25 votes that I didn't need to resort to a rule basis which would have required 30 votes to adopt the amendment by suspending the rule. So I would urge the body to adopt the amendment because it will maintain the appropriation bill that was written and I think the merit of the case is there.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is the adoption of the Warner amendment to the Wesely amendment to LB 487A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Only two excused. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, only because of the precedent of the A bill, I will ask for a Call of the House and a roll call vote because the issue may come up again.

PRESIDENT: All right, we will go for...the question is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Did you want to vote over again? Vote over again on shall the House go under Call? Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 18 ayes, 1 nay to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carried. The House is under Call. The Sergeant at Arms will see that all members are returned to the Chamber. All unauthorized personnel will leave the floor. Members will all register your presence immediately. And, Senator Warner, do you want to wait until we get them here? Senator Warner, did you want a roll call?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, didn't I ask for a roll call vote?

PRESIDENT: Yes, Senator Warner, you did. I think you did. At least I assumed you did, so we will wait until we get a few more people here. Since we have only two excused, we have a great number to go yet. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: There seems to be a little confusion on what the amendment is, and prior to reading the roll, could someone