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Call of the House. Record the vote.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 8 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All unauthorized personnel will leave the floor, please. The Senators will all check in. We have 7 excused. Senator Higgins, would you check in, please. Senator Labeledz. That is everyone here. The question before the House is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. Did you want call in votes?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I think a roll call will be fine.

SENATOR CLARK: A roll call vote has been requested. The Clerk will call the roll.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 405 and 406 of the Legislative Journal). 17 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. We have three more amendments on this bill. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is from Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CLARK: The Call is raised. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I know that Senator Marsh and Senator Cullan are interested in this same issue and perhaps they would want to use this amendment to then deal with their concerns on the minimum threshold. What we attempt to do here is to say that going from \$100,000 which is the minimum amount that has to now be subject to this review would go up to \$600,000. It would be the minimum amount that would be reviewed in capital expenditures and other additions like that. That is a six-fold increase over the course of the three years that this bill has been in effect. That is a tremendous increase and it does meet minimum federal standards but I think that they are far too excessive. That \$600,000 is too much of a loophole to allow these different projects to not go without review. What this amendment says is let's bring it back to \$300,000, not \$600,000. \$300,000 is still an awful lot of money. It is not...that is a very large project and if you think about the state budget and the different questions we look at, we get pretty excited about things costing a lot less than \$300,000, but what we are talking about here is that amount of money would be able to be added to your health care bills in