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SENATOR KAHLE: I think I will pass.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, he passes. Senator Newell, did you want to talk again? The question before the House then is the Beutler amendment. Did you want to close on that, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I guess I really don't see any reason to distinguish one type of credit from another. I think it is highly unlikely that any small bar is going to set up its own credit system, but even if it did, why should Mastercharge or Visa, somebody with a card like that be able to walk into the bar and buy a beer and not somebody who has a credit card from the own bar, should that happen. I see no rationale to that kind of distinction. In the first place the bars aren't going to do that because it is not going to be cost effective. They are not going to want to take the risk. They are not going to have a mechanism in place to decide what the risks are. So basically you are going to rely on big established credit card companies who have the personnel and the system set up to determine what sort of risk can be taken. But again, I think we should leave it to the private enterprise system, and if the bar wants to take a Brandeis card or a Visa card or a Mastercharge or whatever kind of credit card is involved, let them do it. If we are going to have credit cards, then let's have all kinds of credit cards and do away with the bureaucratic interference in that particular area of regulation. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? I am going to call the vote, Senator Beutler. Your last chance.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I guess I would like to see people vote on it just to get an indication of how they feel.

SENATOR CLARK: Do you want a Call of the House?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CLARK: A Call of the House has been requested. All those in favor of the Call of the House vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.