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LB 573

PRESIDENT: Seeing none, I guess Senator Wesely or Senator Kremer, whichever one of you wants to close, you may close on the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, I'll be very brief. I understand Senator Clark's objection but all I can say is there really is not much of a need for a hearing because it is a simple concept. What we are saying is that if you are 21 years or older you should have the opportunity to run for office. The voters will decide whether you are qualified and whether they want you to represent them. Although there may have been reasons in the past, I don't see them now as to why we should continue to allow only people between the ages of 30 and 68 to serve on the Public Service Commission. People like Senator Rumery, Senator Kremer and many of the younger senators here would not be able to serve in this legislature if the same restriction was placed on this body, but it isn't. It only makes sense in my eyes to allow people a chance to run for office if they are over the age of 21. So that is the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the Wesely-Kremer amendment to 573. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Wesely, what do you wish to do. You know how many are excused.

SENATOR WESELY: I would like to get this on record if possible. I would like a roll call vote after a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: All right so you are asking . . . record what is on the board and we will got to a vote for a Call of the House again. All those in favor to put the House under Call vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the motion for a Call of the House. Record the vote.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President to go under Call.

PRESIDENT: We are under Call. Sergeant will bring in the members of the Legislature, once again the House is under Call. All members will register your presence. Have you all registered your presence? Senator Wesely, we are ready I think, we have all but six. Six are excused. Do you want to proceed with the roll call vote?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I think if the Clerk would read the amendment first and then I'll . . .

CLERK: Let's let the Clerk read the amendment (GAVEL) again, let's pay some attention so you know what is before the House.