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their seats and check in, please. Will all Senators check in that are in their seats, please. Sergeant at Arms, would you get all the Senators in their seats and get them checked in, please. We have four excused. Senator Landis. Senator Richard Peterson, will you check in, please. We are looking for Senator Newell. Did you want a roll call vote? Is that what you wanted? We are only short one, Senator Newell. Do you want to start the roll call?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, go ahead.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, the Clerk will call the roll on the Wesely amendment. I was hoping it would be quiet enough that the Clerk would hear the response, please. Go ahead, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on page 1399 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Beutler to the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler. The Call is raised.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, if you would like to follow this in the blue book that Senator Warner has handed out, the sections that I will be dealing with are on page 20, Program 294 which is Vocational Education, and page 22, Program 508, School Assistance and Support. Now basically what this amendment would do would be to take the \$1,380,000 of general fund money under Program 508 which is used for Driver's Education, it would take that money and it would shift it to Program 295....I'm sorry, to Program 294 which is Vocational Education. So this amendment is not increasing or decreasing spending. It is shifting approximately \$1.3 million from Driver's Education to Vocational Education. From my point of view, this essentially takes out all of the general fund support for Driver's Education. From my point of view, Driver's Education has three strikes against it now, and let me tell you what those points are. First of all, I think that a perfectly logical argument can be made that Driver's Education is outside of the proper scope of education generally, that we should especially in these difficult economic times be concentrating on the basics, that Driver's Education is certainly not one of the basics, that everybody is going to