

tax portion of the bill. Then, if it is your belief that we need a half cent sales tax to fund the teacher portion of the bill, you can vote for the amendment as adopted. If you don't think it's needed, then you can vote against the amendment as it will be amended. Lots of things I could say, but I don't think I will, I think I'll just urge you to adopt the amendment to lower the tax rate from...the tax increase proposed by Senator Schmit from one percent down to one-half percent and to remove the property tax portion from the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. You've heard the closing, and the question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to the Schmit amendment to LB 89. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. An amendment to an amendment, a majority of those voting necessary to pass.

SENATOR WITHEM: (Mike not activated.) ...roll call vote, or if you'd like to call the vote right now, I'd accept that, but if you'd rather wait and have a call of the house I think we'll do that. Can we have a call of the house and a roll call vote, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem has requested a call of the house. Those in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please check in. Those outside the Legislative Chamber, please return and record your presence. Senator Moore, please. Senator Schmit, Senator Ashford. Senator McFarland, Senator Peterson, the house is under call. Senator Goodrich, Senator Rod Johnson, please return to the Chamber. Senator Rod Johnson and Senator McFarland, the house is under call. We have a report that Senator Johnson is on his way. Senator Withem, may we proceed with a roll call vote, or would you prefer to wait?

SENATOR WITHEM: If he's on his way, we can proceed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Members, return to your seats for a roll call vote on the adoption of the Withem amendment. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1285 of the Legislative