

begin. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 2289 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes...

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Changing to no for purposes of reconsideration.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

CLERK: Senator Labeledz changing from yes to no. 18 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails and the call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Labeledz. And that amendment, Mr. President, is on page 2228 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is found, as the Clerk mentioned, on page 2228. This amendment leaves the number of commissioners at seven, but changes the bill, as it now stands, so that the commissioners are nominated by district and elected at large. From the last amendment, you know that I prefer the number of county commissioners to remain at seven, however, it appears that the sentiment in the body is to increase the number to seven. I do believe that this is very important, though, that the commissioners be nominated by district, and that will be seven commissioners, and elected at large, especially when you consider that fewer men and women have run for the positions that are elected on an at large basis. I urge you to adopt the amendment. It leaves the County Commissioners, as Senator Chambers prefers, at seven, and it also nominates the commissioners by district and then elects them in the General Election at large. And that is another compromise. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Labeledz, would you yield to a question just for purposes of...