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LB 588

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 13 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please record your presence. Those outside the Chamber, please return and record your presence. Senator Byars, please record your presence. Senator Emil Beyer, please. Senator Abboud. Senator Hall, please, check in. Senator Weihing, please record your presence. Senator Scofield and Senator Warner, the house is under call. Senator Lynch, would you please check in. Senators Scofield, Warner and Abboud, the house is under call. Senator Labeledz, would you like to proceed with the closing, just Senators Warner and Abboud are absent.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm closing on my motion on LB 588. For those of you that were not present here on the opening, this motion or this amendment is identical to Senator Chambers' LB 588. The only difference is it's to be put on the ballot. Now you recall that I asked for that, but it was a little bit different, about two weeks ago I had only five county commissioners elected by dis...nominated by district and elected at large. This is LB 588 as Senator Chambers wants it on the ballot. Senator Chambers, I'd like to ask you one question, if you'll be brief on it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll be very brief.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. Do you support a right to vote?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Let me read you what Senator Chambers said on LB 761. Those who are most intimately affected are the ones who ought to be able to make a decision and have a choice. The Legislature should not deny them that right. So I'm asking you to vote for the amendment, because all it does is takes Senator Chambers' proposal and puts it on the ballot so that the people of Douglas County can vote whether or not they want seven county commissioners elected by district both in the primary and the general election. And that is the fair thing to do for the