

Those in favor of the house going under call, please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion prevails and the house is under call. Members please record your presence. Those outside the Chamber, please return and check in. Senator Smith, please. Senator Haberman, Senator Morrissey. Senator Moore. Senator Nelson, please record your presence. Senator Pirsch. Senators Kristensen, Rod Johnson and Labeledz, the house is under call. Senator Johnson, the house is under call. Members, please return to your seats for roll call vote.

SENATOR HALL: Who are we waiting on?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson is on his way. The question is the adoption of the amendment to the amendment. (Gavel.) Mr. Clerk, proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 792 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 29 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion is defeated. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: I have nothing further to the...Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator McFarland would move to reconsider the vote just taken on the Hall amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The whole tenor of this debate has been rather frustrating for me, as I'm sure it has been for many of you. And I'd like to address a couple of things, because I think that vote on that amendment, if I get the results back, was even a more partisan kind of split. Senator Hall makes a very good argument, we haven't increased that minimum level since 1973. It seems like, if I heard the debate, most of the people spoke in favor of that idea, and that what would be fair, considering what has happened over a period of years, would be to approve that amendment. But yet we have a solid block that votes against it, for I'm not sure what reasons other than a kind of litmus test of their political affiliation