

Senator Conway, do you have a closing statement? Waives closing statement. We will proceed to vote on the committee amendments to LB 32. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed please vote nay. I recognize Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: To expedite things, I will ask for a call of the house but also would accept call in votes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor, please say aye. Opposed nay. Okay, we are under call. Okay, we need a machine vote. Sorry. All those in favor, please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We are now under call. Would all senators please return to their seats and we will accept call in votes.

CLERK: Senator Byars voting yes. Senator Morrissey voting yes. Senator Kristensen voting yes. Senator Robinson voting yes. Senator Rogers voting yes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. We now raise the call and I will recognize Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. The bill now as amended, just so the body is clear, the bill as amended will simply...it simply says the following if you choose to advance the bill, that as the statute now says in the State of Nebraska, communities...or excuse me, counties with 7,000 or more will have to have an election of the clerk of the district court. Now with the committee amendments agreed to, counties with less than that would have the option to do so if they so desired. And the option would mean the following, that the county board and the judges would have to agree that, yes, they want to have an election of their clerk of the district court. They want to spend the extra money. They want to spend the money for the election. They think it's important enough that they have a position that is elected to do so, a separate