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PRESIDENT MOUL: 13 ayes and 17 nays? Okay, the amendment to the amendment fails. I will raise the call.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have to the committee amendments is offered by Senator Lynch. (Lynch amendment can be found on page 1071 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Before we proceed with that, Senator Rogers has asked that I announce that there is an Executive Session in the Senate Chambers at this time. Okay, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Madam President and members, and for Senator Bernard-Stevens I'd like to read the amendment real quickly. It says, on page 1, line 2, strike the first "and"; and in line 3 before the period insert...strike before with "In" and in line 12 through "one" in line 13, and insert "One"; in line 19 reinstate the stricken language and strike lines 20 through 24. If you need any more understanding of what I'm trying to accomplish, (laughter) I don't know. Okay. What this does is I accept the seven, simply put. But what it does is say we should select the seven members by district in the primary, and at large in the general. For what it's worth, you've heard this before, but I'll tell you one more time, the 20 some or so years I served on the county board, I was elected a number of different ways, one of them was in the primary by district, and at large in the general. I served by district, and I served at large. In every case the way we ran was changed by the Legislature. In every case the way we ran was changed for a number of reasons, some good and some bad. In some cases it was strictly partisan. To be completely frank and with all due respect to all those Republicans I love here on the floor, it was created and tried...to give the Republicans a chance to have a majority of people on the county board, which happened to have Democrats, et cetera. Motives can be whatever they are. Some of them are more honorable than others. And I think what Ernie is trying to accomplish here would be satisfied with this amendment because, in fact, there would be a Republican and a Democrat elected from seven districts. For what it's worth, though, let's think about this a minute. The system we have, the federal system, we elect one senator...two senators from each state, they run at large. You can consider them by district, because they represent a state, but it certainly doesn't satisfy, in any stretch of the imagination, the