

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence, the house is under call. The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence, the house is under call. Senator Pirsch, would you record your presence. Senator Robinson, would you please record your presence. We're looking for Senators Ashford, Dierks, Will. The house is under call, members. You are supposed to be at your seats and record your presence, the house is under call. Members, please take your seats so we can proceed with the roll call. Senator Ashford is not here. All members are present. We have a request for a roll call vote. This...we are voting on the second half of the Kristensen amendment. Mr. Clerk, you may proceed to call the roll.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See pages 1482-83 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The second half of the Kristensen amendment fails. Next item, Mr. Clerk. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first half of Senator Kristensen's amendment is now pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen, on the first half of your amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the judgment is still here that although Senator Lindsay makes a good case, there will be those that say that there, you know, you've been just dragging your foot, dragging your foot, you only, the only real...you needed six and this is your ploy to get there, that's not true. Every study that has been done in this state has indicated that three panels of three was the one that we needed and one we should have. Quite frankly, I don't think we can afford it this year. We need the court, we need the procedures. Reluctantly, I will cut it to six and I would hope that you would agree with me and, with that, I would ask for the adoption of the first half of my amendment which would cut the number of judges from nine to six. It saves approximately a million dollars. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there discussion on the first half of the Kristensen amendment? Senator Haberman.