

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. Call in votes have been authorized. We are voting on ceasing debate. The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. Members, please return to your seats and record your presence. The house is under call. Call-in votes have been authorized.

CLERK: Senator Horgan voting yes. Senator Dierks voting yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Members, the house is still under call. Please report to the Chamber and record your presence. Senator Lindsay, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, again, what the amendment would do is amend the constitutional amendment to require that at any time that we choose to classify and exempt property, that we do that with three-fifths vote, with 30 votes here on the floor. The intent again is to provide some limited protection since we've stripped out the constitutional protection. The question we've heard, one is we should have the simple majority because that's what we have on everything else and that's, as we know, that's not the case. There is a couple of other places in the Constitution. We've got to override the Governor, it takes the 30 votes. For an E clause it takes two-thirds, 33 votes. For several things in our rules require 30 votes. If we want to suspend the rules, if we want to change the Speaker's order of bills, if we want to reconsider a Final Reading bill, but when we want to change the Constitution we can't put something that much protection back in. I think it's important that we do put this back in. I think it's important to the passage of the amendment. We've heard this afternoon how this is going to kill the amendment if we add this. I suspect it's going to kill the amendment if we don't add it and maybe we're that much at loggerheads, but I think in the long term, in the long run, it's important for both rural and urban interests to have this kind of protection. Right now urban senators may be outnumbered on the floor, but Senator Schmit has been telling us for quite a while, that's going to be changing and probably