

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In this instance we should do the right thing. And I believe the right thing is what the Executive Board voted to do as far as merit pay. We're not going to make any of our employees rich. We're going to try to compensate those who have shown themselves to be competent, and I'll use the word even loyal. So I hope you will vote to override. And since I think it will be necessary, anyway, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER BAACK: We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members, please report of the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. Members, please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. We're looking for Senators Abboud, Nelson, and Elmer. Senators Nelson and Elmer. We are waiting for Senator Elmer. Senator Chambers, my understanding is Senator Elmer is on his way. Should we go ahead and proceed with the roll call? Same pace as usual. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2918-19 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Motion fails. Next item, Mr. Clerk. Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill is LB 647A. Senator Lindsay would move to override the Governor's line-item veto contained in 647A for FY '91-92 to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 647A is the funding mechanism for the postsecondary award...postsecondary education award program. The...as originally passed it had 250,000 in the first fiscal year of the biennium, and 500,000 in the second year of the biennium. The Governor, in trying to reach his...or trying to balance his budget, left \$125,000 in each of the two years of the biennium.