

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, the question is, shall the house go under call? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Members, please return. Members in the Chamber, check to see if you have recorded your presence. Members outside the Chamber, please return. The house is under call. Senator Beutler, Senator Lynch, Senator McKenzie, Senator Schmitt, and Senator Stuhr, could you please check in. Senator Lynch is in the Chamber. All members are present who are not excused. Mr. Clerk, a record...a roll...I believe you meant a roll call vote in reverse order has been requested. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken in reverse order. See page 1065 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 10 nays on the motion to raise the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion is successful. The bill will be placed on General File. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is from Senator Beutler to place Legislative Bill 1243 on General File, pursuant to Rule 3, Section 17.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, on your motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I wanted to take a few moments of your time because I think that this particular issue is a particularly important one. At the same time, I am not going to take much of your time. I tell you I will withdraw this as soon as I've made a few comments and offer that opportunity to other people. I guess I say that at the risk of some of you going off to lunch. But I hope you'll listen just for about five minutes here because I am going to bring this back around next year, and keep bringing it back around because I think it represents an opportunity for this Legislature to participate in a more valuable way as it interplays with the petition process. What this bill does, essentially, is to require the filing of initiative petitions