

time, then I'll start closing, but it's pretty clear we're going to need a call of the house. So I would ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CROSBY: Request for call of the house. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to...

SENATOR CROSBY: The house is under call. Would all senators please check in. Would all senators not in the Chamber who are not excused please return and record your presence. Would all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senator Lindsay, did you want to start your closing while people are coming?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, I don't want to subject everyone to my closing, so I'll go ahead and start now. Again, to remind the body where we are, this amendment, we adopted yesterday an amendment to add the two units, 100-bed units, of modular housing at the State Pen. This amendment would add an additional 100-unit...100-bed unit. So it's a question of adding 200 beds or adding 300 beds. And the discussion, I think, has been good as far as maybe looking at what we're doing, at least long-term. But the problem is we still have a short-term problem. Looking at the projections, and you would have each received a graph from the Department of Corrections that I handed around, and that graph shows that if we add the 300 beds, the modular housing beds, that they'll come on-line in '97, and they will...our excess over stress capacity will still increase by 3 inmates, that's even with the addition of 300. So if we add only 200 beds, all we're going to do is absorb some of the increase. We will still increase the amount of over capacity that we are at. If we were...if we were to build a prison today, to start the building process today and add the modular housing, by the time that prison came on-line we would still be over capacity at approximately the same level as we're at now. Our prison population trend is upwards and it's upwards dramatically. The reason for it going upwards is through a variety of decisions that I think have been made that we are now...we now have to pay for. Obviously, my preference has been in the past...would be to revisit those policies. I don't think that's going to happen. We gave it our shot, so I think the next step is to do what responsibly we have to do, and that is