

SPEAKER WITHEM: Roll call vote has been requested. Members, please return to the chamber. The house is under call. Members in the chamber, please check and see if you have recorded your presence. Senator Jensen, could you check in please. Senator Jones. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schimek, Senator Janssen. Actually, you can push your button before you're called upon, you don't have to wait until you're called upon to do that. Senator Chambers and Senator Coordsen. Senator Wesely and Senator Schrock. Senator Robak and Senator Matzke. Senators Wesely, Chambers, and Coordsen, please report to the Chamber, the house is under call. Senator Chambers and Senator Coordsen. While most members are present, let me make a remark or two about the agenda. Select File, we had three of those bills that are listed, LB 1120, LB 1191, and LB 1265 have been advanced on a voice vote so, obviously, those will not be coming up on Select File. Would also point out that approximately at five o'clock we will be moving to the General File, LB 1190 and LB 29, those are bills remaining as a portion of the appropriations package that have not moved from General File, and also LB 1059, which is a portion of the property tax package that has not moved from General File yet. So we'll have fairly limited time to do a lot of work on the budget bill this afternoon, so just making you aware of that, that information. Mr. Clerk, call the roll. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the pending Dierks amendment to the claims bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1686-87 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 23 ayes, 14 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate does not cease. The call is raised. Senator Hilgert, followed by Senators Abboud and Schimek.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise against the Dierks amendment. It seems to me that this was a decision by the union. It became effective in February of '91. The individual requested after it became effective. The individual was told about the window to drop membership, and the individual did not do that. In fact, to the contrary, the individual became heavily involved in the union's activities. And then '94, finally, her eventual drop. And we're here today to vote on this amendment to see whether the taxpayers of