

Have you all voted. A record vote has been requested.
Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1810 of the
Legislative Journal.) 7 ayes, 19 nays on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Amendment is not agreed to. Mr. Clerk, next
item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator
Bernard-Stevens. (See AM4355 on pages 1810-11 of the
Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, I have, like the great "Carnack"
would of had, I have in my hand the last amendment, I believe,
to LB 1189. And some members of the body came up on the last,
on the suspension, on the reconsideration motion and weren't
quite aware or sure what that was. And they may not have been
in the body at the time. So I wrote it out. And this amendment
is very simple, straightforward. It would strike, again, the
Coordsen amendment, but add the following, "It is the intent of
the Legislature that if the Executive Board of the Legislative
Council approves a chamber automation system, the board shall
use money already appropriated to the Legislative Council for
such project. If General Funds are necessary, the board shall
request such funds as part of its FY 1996-97 deficit and
FY 1997-99 biennium requests." That's the nature of the
amendment. And, again, all I'm trying to do, members of the
body, is actually protect the Legislature a little bit. At the
time that we're asking every political subdivision we know to
trim and find better ways of doing it, we turn around and say we
want to spend more General Fund monies on computers that we
don't need to do with the General Fund dollars. There
is...there are the dollars available within our budget to handle
that expense, if the Executive Board wishes to do so. I don't
think we need to go home over the weekend and have people ask
us, gee, why are you making everyone else cut, but when you have
a frill, which I would look it at as a frill, you want to go
ahead and vote General Fund money to do that. I don't think
it's proper, I think it's the wrong message. This makes it very
clear what we're trying to do. Again it says, if the automation
system is approved by the council, by the Executive Board, we'll