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SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I'd like to call the question.

SENATOR CROSEY: That won't be necessary, Senator Preister, but thank you anyway, because there are no further lights. Since there are no further lights, Senator Wickersham, I'll recognize you to close on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I think that we all know what the amendment is about. We've had a good full discussion this afternoon, so I don't want to take very long to go over it. But, again, it's not that I don't have sympathy for the objectives in Senator Wehrbein's bill. I think he's focusing on a particularly acute problem that is occurring in the rural areas of the state. I simply don't believe we ought to fund it through an income tax credit. If we're going to fund it at all, we ought to be honest about it. We ought to tell ourselves how much it's costing. We ought to do that on an annualized basis. We shouldn't hide what it's costing in a bunch of tax credits that we never see. And it also, the amendment that I'm offering to you, provides the opportunity for whatever the benefit is, to be shared on whatever basis they can agree between the owner of the property and the new beginning farmer or rancher. Many have said that's where we need to focus the benefit. I wouldn't disagree, and this, this amendment, gives us at least the opportunity to do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment to LB 630. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the Wickersham amendment. Have you all voted?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President, I would ask...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President, I would ask for a call of the house and I would accept call-in votes.

SENATOR CROSBY: There's a request for a call of the house. There's a request for a call of the house. All in favor vote