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campaign for any office. And the primary is where the bill would have effect, because you would have the list of all those running for Attorney General and everybody, regardless of party affiliation or nonaffiliation, if you're an Independent, could vote for those candidates and help in the winnowing process. The thing that I believe should be especially emphasized is that nobody opposed this bill. If it were an attack on the two-party system why were there no representatives from the Republican Party to oppose it, no representatives from the Democrat...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Party to oppose it? As a matter of fact, nobody opposed it, not the current Attorney General, not any former Attorneys General. Nobody opposed it. So this is not an nefarious, dangerous bill. I do believe that the debate was very informative. It was conducted at a high level and even the ones who disagreed with the bill gave reasons with which honorable people may agree or disagree. But I think the real thrust of this bill transcends the concerns expressed by Senators Smith and Schimek and Crosby. We're talking about the nature of an office and the function it is to carry out. Mr. President, I would ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There has been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. All unexcused senators please report to the Chamber and check in. The house is under call. All unexcused senators please check in. The house is under call. Senator Landis, Senator Lynch, Senator Brashear, Senator Bromm, Senator Robak and Engel, please check in. The question before the body is, shall LB 510 be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of