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nieces or nephews, we absolutely know kids listen to kids. They know what works. They know if it should be a web site. They know if it should be a TV ad. They know. That point I would think we could all agree on. We all agree that we want to do something to stop teen smoking. I think it's important that this Legislature decide on a bill that is directly aimed at that. I read to you over the interim study that the Health Committee had the council that has been created did not name, in its top five priorities, did not mention youth prevention from smoking, prevention of smoking, not one of those in its top five priorities. Therefore, that's why I question if the council would ever consider giving this any kind of priority and especially given the letter that Senator Smith received from the Chair of the council where he criticized the bill because we didn't address different learning styles of students. Now I tell you, I think that's a real reach. And so I hope that you've been able to see the merits in this. I have tried to work with the people who have given suggestions. I remain open. I've said that I will remain open, working with Senator Jensen and Senator Landis after we move this to Select. If this would be the segue and let it be there two to three years and then let the council make a decision by looking at the rates of teen smoking, then they will be able to look at something and say, if it's come down dramatically, yeah, this probably should be a priority. I think this provides the proof to the council that they should begin to give this a priority. Currently, they do not. I think that's a concern. I think that should be a concern for all of us. And so, with that, Mr. President, I would ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote in regular order. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The question is, shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would authorized...unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would members please return to your desk and record your presence. The house is under call. Senator Brashear, Senator