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under call. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized persons please leave the floor and unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator, your time is running if you wish to.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. This time of year is difficult. We all have bills, particularly those bills that have some impact on money, but for the federal mandate there wouldn't be additional revenue coming into the state coffers. My guess is that when we did the revenue growth projections you didn't factor in that there would be a federal mandate over the next six years. This isn't the ABCs, the CBSs and the Fox's. These are the...probably the ten and, yes, they are, there's a small number, I'm not going to tell you there's a large number of people, but they are the industry that you and I also rely on for a lot of other reasons--to explain how government works, whether good or bad. But this is a profound change in the mandate. It is a huge switch in the way they do business. It is not simply an inconvenience to them. I'm not going to tell you it's the difference between them going over and under and failing. I'm not going to stand up here and say that the sky is going to fall. It's very difficult, particularly for the smaller ones. I have one that's seven miles from my home. I know how they operate day to day. But we make all sorts of decisions "taxwise" as well, when you can go and buy a sandwich out of a vending machine and treated...taxed differently than if you would go and buy it from the grocery store. We do make all those choices and we do that on a case-by-case basis. The Revenue Committee put the bill out. It's probably the...it's not an exemption anymore; it's a refund. It's tight. You've got to go and convince the Department of Revenue that you fall within these rules and regulations. There's no other exemption that has to do that. It's for a limited period of time; it's for a limited amount of equipment. It's not a full-blown exemption. And I think that, you know, it's one of those purposes where I know that it's hard to be the Chair of a committee and a bill that you didn't like got out, and so I...I