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order. House is under call. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would members please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Would those members in the Chamber please record your presence. Senator Baker, would you please check in. Senator Matzke, Senator Dwite Pedersen. Senator Byars, Senator Coordsen, house is under call. Senator Dickey, Senator Cudaback, the house is under call. The house is under call. Senator Jones, the house is under call. Senator Coordsen, Senator Dickey, Senator Byars, the house is under call. Senator Matzke, the house is under call. Senator Engel, could you check in, please. Senator Matzke, the house is under call. We are voting on the Bourne amendment to the Wickersham amendment to LB 1279. A roll call vote in reverse order has been requested. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1679.)
18 ayes, 11 nays on the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is not agreed to. Call is raised. Debate on the Wickersham amendment? Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I think we've had a full discussion of the provision of the amendment that concerns the homestead exemption. I would simply remind you that there is a provision in the amendment as well that concerns budgets to be filed by political subdivisions. It makes very, very clear, I hope, that those political subdivisions who do not have a property tax request, or do not have a...will receive state aid are those that do not have to file a budget. If they have either one then they've got to file a budget. I will make one more comment about the provision concerning the homestead issue that is in the bill. I realize that it is not a comfortable vote that you are being asked to cast, but it is a vote that I will have to ask you to cast. I'm sorry that we did not catch the error, if there is an error that was made, that would have been part of my responsibility. I hope that you will help us put the laws into a state that we intended them to be, clearly that we intended to be in and that we'll remove any possible ambiguity that there is in the current law so that anyone can read it and know what we intended and what the program is really about. I believe your