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SENATOR BEUTLER:    We have a...could we have a roll call vote?

SPEAKER BROMM:      A roll call vote has been requested. Senator Aguilar is not present, so we'll wait for him unless you're willing to waive that absence, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:      Proceed, please.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Proceed. Mr. Clerk, proceed with the roll call. Members, please take your seats. We're under call and we're about to start a roll call vote. Thank you. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS:      Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think the body is confused on what it is that we are voting on. Are we voting on calling the question at this point? If so, we've not had any closing on the Beutler amendment, if we're voting on that.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Just a moment. Senator Chambers. Let me address Senator Byars' point. Senator Byars, the question before us is ceasing debate. And if that were successful, we would then have a closing before a vote were taken on the amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    I just want to point out that Senator Byars may have been speaking for himself, but I was not confused. (Laughter)

SPEAKER BROMM:      Thank you, Senator Chambers. Members, then the question before us whether to cease debate on this amendment. And, Mr. Clerk, would you please call the roll.

CLERK:              (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 738.)  
37 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Debate is ceased. I raise the call. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER:    Mr. Speaker, I was hoping to delay a little bit so I could get an additional piece of information that would help me resolve my dilemma with this amendment. But that piece of information hasn't been forthcoming. And so rather than to