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lights. Senator Maxwell, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

**SENATOR MAXWELL:** Thank you, Mr. President. This debate has been too quiet and too polite and it's not encouraging. I will take it to a vote, just to test the waters and see. A couple reminder points in conclusion. This is our process. Even after I explained it I heard it said, oh, this isn't the process, this isn't the right way to do this. It's right in the rules. If we want to, we can have a public hearing right now this session. And even if we don't, we have the whole next year to work on what the new system actually would be. That's not what you're voting on today. What you're voting on today is to put the marker out there to put the pressure on ourselves to do this, because otherwise it isn't going to happen. I don't care what rhetoric I hear about studies and thoughts and so forth. It's not going to happen unless we take some kind of a decisive step. Let me also remind you, we have an immediate budget problem. We're not anywhere close to solving it yet, and I'm not convinced that we're going to get close to solving it, from what I've heard so far. So there is that aspect of this also. But as I say, I...and the debate has been too quiet and too polite so I...we'll see how it goes. Maybe there will be...the climate will be more receptive on Select File somewhere further in the process. With that, Mr. President, I'd ask for a call of the house and a machine vote. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Maxwell has asked for a call of the house and a machine vote. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

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

**SPEAKER BROMM:** The house is under call. Unexcused members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Engel, Senator Quandahl, Senator Hartnett, Senator Foley, and Senator Synowiecki. Senator Bourne. Senator Quandahl, there you are.