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business away across the border. And with that, I wish that you would vote yes on this, and I'm going to give the rest of my time to Senator Landis.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to echo what Senator Cunningham just said. If we did nothing, we would be the second highest taxer of alcohol in this area. What we do with this amendment, if it's adopted, is to place ourselves at someplace between 80 and 200 percent higher than the states around us, except for one, for most alcohol. It's a 25 percent increase; it's a significant one. I understand there are a number of you who would like to do more, but this is a legitimate amount of tax, in my estimation. I support the reconsideration motion, and I'm grateful for Senator Cunningham for having offered it. And my guess is that we should have a call of the house to make sure that we're all here, and then a board vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, and opposed nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator Dwite Pedersen, would you check in, please? Senator Chambers, would you check in, please? Thank you. Senator Beutler and Senator Tyson. Senator Tyson, the house is under call. Here he is. All members present or accounted for. Mr. Clerk, read the motion, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the Revenue Committee amendments to LB 283.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion and there's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.