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under call? All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay.  
Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to place the house  
under call.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The house is under call. Would all members  
please return to the Chamber and record your votes. The house  
is under call. Record your presence. Senators Jensen, Bromm,  
Schrock, Erdman, Louden, and Thompson, would you...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman, I'll start my close. I was  
going to give some of my time to Senator Chambers. If you  
listen to the people opposed to this bill, if we do this the sky  
will fall. Everybody will leave. We'll move to South Dakota.  
We will do this. You know, we did this before. Where do we fit  
in the tax thing? Where do we fit with the income tax? Right  
today we're at 60.49 cents per thousand. If we add, which this  
bill will do, add \$70 million to the fund, it goes up. We're  
30th. We'll go up...we're 32nd. We're down from the bottom.  
We'll go up to 30th. We'll be right in the range with Nevada  
and Arizona, two places that people like to retire. So their  
income is level with ours. This is a fair tax. Rather than  
pay...Senator Baker said we won't pay, the schools won't raise  
our property tax. They will. They will. To me, this is the  
fairest tax because if I make the money I should pay the tax.  
Sales tax, I don't pay much sales tax. Pay property tax, but  
don't pay many sales tax. People that live in Senator Chambers  
pay a lot of sales tax. So I think this is a fair, fair tax. I  
know the chamber of commerce and the...they're all against it  
because we'll drive people out. That's not true. I would like  
to have you advance this bill and, like people said, keep it, as  
Senator Beutler said, keep it as part of the mix. Whether we  
finally pass it or we do part of it I don't know, but I think  
this is a fair tax. And I'll give the rest of my time to  
Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much time?