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SPEAKER BROMM: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question then before us is whether we shall cease debate. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close on your reconsideration motion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask for a call of the house, please.

SPEAKER BROMM: A call of the house has been requested. All in favor of going under call please vote aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SPEAKER BROMM: The house is under call. Members, please return to your seats and record your presence, and unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. We are under call. Senator Schimek, you may begin your closing, if you'd like.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I will be brief. I think that we have had a good discussion again today. I'm not certain that we all have the information that we need, but we have brought out a few more issues to be considered, and I think one of them that Senator Thompson just brought out is one of the significant ones. We do have to look at admissions policies and we do have to look at length of sentences, and that is something that we've all been talking about for a long time. I think to some degree we are frustrated that we haven't gotten more accomplished. I don't think that we should take out our frustrations in this way. I think there needs to be an orderly process and I think we have a process in this Legislature for doing that kind of policy. I believe bills should be introduced, the public should be invited to give their testimony, and the committee should craft the bill that comes to