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LB 759

Brashear, did you wish to close, Senator Brashear?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'd request a call of the house, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays 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 Vrtiska, Senator Combs, Senator Don Pederson, Senator Hudkins. Senators Price, McDonald, Louden, Synowiecki, Bourne, Connealy. Senator Tyson. Senator Baker. The house is under call. Senator Don Pederson, thank you. Senator Stuhr, would you check in, please. Thank you. Senator Quandahl, thank you. Senator Bromm, would you check in? Senator Brashear, your time is running as you know. About two minutes have elapsed. You may continue closing if you wish to. Senator Bromm, would you check in, please. Thank you. Senator Tyson. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, and members of the body, I don't think a long or detailed closing is in order. There were two and a half days of debate in which everyone participated, and I mean everybody participated directly or indirectly. With regard to LB 759, there were two and a half days on General File. We've now had our discussion today. The blue sheet before you is to me the summary of the situation. We have put together following what has been described to this point in time a dual track methodology where we now have before us the opportunity to vote on one bill that raises the revenue that matches what we have done in terms of the appropriation and spending process. We are broadening the base. It has always been a difficult situation in terms of broadening the base. There are always those who are opposed because the base is being broadened to include them. But we are being responsive to the fact of where we are in terms of revenue. We are being responsive to the marketplace in terms of how our related and mirrored jurisdictions are raising their money. We are being