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the statutes. So she would not have an opportunity to have unemployment compensation for a period of time so that she, too, could look for a job in Nebraska. I think that if you're going to say that the husband going to Nebraska to get a new and better job is good cause and we do, it is equally good cause when the spouse loses a job and has to follow the husband to Nebraska. This is probably an example of a factual situation that has changed dramatically over the last 10 or 20 years and we just haven't caught up, in the sense that in the old days when only one in the family worked, if the husband went to Nebraska to take a new job, we wouldn't be concerned about the spouse and what happened to the spouse because they usually didn't work. But there has been a revolution, as you know, and in Nebraska today, for example, 70 percent of spouses work. We're mostly two workers in each family. So it makes sense to adopt this change to the law in recognizing that it takes two salaries today, there must be two workers in the family, in order to keep a family in the middle class in a great many families. So that's all this amendment would do and I would recommend it for your adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the closing on AM2553 offered by Senator Beutler to LB 1049. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Motion before the body is adoption of AM2553. Have you all voted who care to? AM2553. Senator Beutler, for what purpose do you rise? There has been a request by Senator Beutler for a roll call vote. Are you ready, Mr. Clerk? There has been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 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. Senators Jensen, Janssen, Bromm, Byars. Senators Jones, Mines, Landis, Stuhr. Senators Schrock, Kruse, Quandahl, and Price. Senators Foley, Stuthman, and Synowiecki, and Senator Thompson. Thank you. The