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SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to discussion of the bill itself, advancement. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 44? Seeing no lights on, Senator Redfield, you're recognized to close on advancement of LB 44 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator. I'd ask that we could call the house back from their meeting.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's 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: 22 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 Kremer, would you check in, please? Senator Schimek, Senator Landis, Senator Kopplin, Senator Friend, Senator Mines, Senator Chambers, Senator Synowiecki, Senator Thompson. Senators Connealy, Bourne, and Aguilar. Senator Brashear, Senator Don Pederson, and Senator Cornett.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator, do you want me to close as they're coming?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Your time is running, Senator.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you. I hope that you appreciate, as I have, the fact that since we adopted the federal income tax and piggybacked on that, decades ago, I don't believe we've ever had a conscious decision to actually adopt, in this body, the current deduction for mortgage interest. And that's in fact what we'll be doing if we reject the bill, because what we'll be saying is that that's the most meaningful tax relief we can give, and we will have made that rational choice. And it's the way we've always done it, and that makes sense because that's always easy to do. But I think we have to recognize that in