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LB 126A

call.

SENATOR BAKER: The house is under call. All those senators not excused please report to the Chamber. Those in the Chamber please record your presence. Stand by, we're correcting a machine. Please check in at this time. Senator Bourne, Senator Langemeier, please check in. Senator Hudkins. Senator Byars, Senator Combs, please check in. We're still short Senator Bourne. Senator Bourne, please report to the Chamber. The house is under call. All senators are present or accounted for. Mr. Clerk, the motion on the floor.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Heidemann has moved AM1706.

SENATOR BAKER: All those in favor of AM1706...did you request a method? Just a board vote? Board vote...machine. All those in favor of AM1706 vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to vote? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: The amendment, AM1706, is not adopted. Mr. Clerk. Oh, I raise the call of the house.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Raikes, acknowledged to close on LB 126A. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I appreciate your support on this. I really didn't get an opportunity on the last round of debate to comment a little bit on all of you that have been actively engaged in this discussion. It is a heavy discussion. It involves change, significant change. I'm of the belief that it is definitely for the better. And I very much appreciate those of you who have been supporters all along. And there have been a great many of you, and I realize that doing so has required a considerable amount of courage, and I gratefully acknowledge that. I will tell you that I would also thank the opponents for making the