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SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, is it appropriate now to call for a call of the house, then I can proceed with closing remarks?

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The question for the body is, shall the house be placed under call? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the Chambers. All unauthorized personnel please step from the floor. Senator Schrock, if you'd like to commence your closing.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, one of the reasons I had a call of the house, I didn't (sic) want to respond briefly to Senator Beutler's comments on irrigation fees. Senator Beutler, I annually introduce a bill that does away with personal property taxes. None of the states around here pay personal property taxes. The livestock people in this state do not pay personal taxes...personal property taxes on their livestock, and you were here, I was here when that took place. But farmers pay personal property tax on their irrigation machinery. It's a burdensome tax. It's a heavy tax. And we also have high property taxes. So I think, maybe not directly, but indirectly, irrigators pay a pretty hefty tax on their irrigation equipment facilities. And I would also like to say that people said a lot of nice things about me this morning and I'm kind of getting teary-eyed back here, but if you would like to join Senator Pederson, Senator Engel, and I, if this vote is positive, for a group hug back here after the vote, I would be very glad to accommodate you. (Laughter) Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: You've heard the closing on advancement of LB 975 to E & R Initial, the question...is the question before the body. All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Have all voted who wish? Please record, Mr. Clerk.