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LB 79

have to ask for a call of the house. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. The question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The house is under call. Would all members please return to the Chamber and check in? The house is under call. Would all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor? The house is under call. Would members please return to the Chamber? Senator Kruse is here. Senator Schrock. Senator Howard and Senator Cudaback. Okay, it looks as if all members are checked in and Senator Baker has authorized call-in votes.

CLERK: Senator Foley voting yes. Senator Kopplin voting yes. Senator Redfield voting yes. Senator Kruse voting yes. Senator Cornett voting yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, are there further amendments?

CLERK: Nothing further.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So we are back to discussion of LB 79. And I raise the call. Senator Baker, I see no further lights. Would you like to close on LB 79?

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I do think I need to close. Just a lot of people are apparently off the floor. This bill, the amendment we adopted provides the flexibility needed that if a locality, a county, a city, village doesn't want to close a crossing, they can hire a professional engineer and say, let's keep it open. The railroads cannot close public crossings. That's up to the jurisdictional body, meaning the city, the village, the county. They can't close