

the President has been encouraging.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: So, ladies and gentlemen, I think the Reagan Administration will end up before Reagan is out of office with a nuclear freeze negotiated. That is what they are really seeking. That is what we want. To the degree that we can encourage them, I think we should. Why can Reagan do it when maybe Carter couldn't? To be real honest with you, I think Carter, Carter could have brought Gorbachev back here in chains and marched him up and down Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House and they would say, Carter is being soft on communism. By the same token, Reagan can negotiate a nuclear freeze and the public on both sides will acclaim him because of the perception of him. He may be the only one that can get it negotiated and that is where we are at and this is the point to send some encouragement and that is all we are doing. And we are not repudiating the concept of peace through strength. You may remember this was the first state in the United States to sponsor the "Peace Through Strength" concept. And I support it. In fact, I was a sponsor at that time along with a number of other senators. We are not repudiating that. What we are doing is saying in the area of nuclear arms we want you to reduce them just like we are saying, like you are saying, and the first step, the absolute first step is to quit increasing them, get that negotiated on a reasonable basis by both sides with verifiability. That is what we are asking. I ask you to support it and I would ask for a call of the house.

PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Call of the house has been requested. All those in favor of the house coming under call vote aye, opposed vote no. The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails. The house is under call. All members of the Legislature in the building be notified that the house is now under call and you are requested to return to your seats. Members in the Legislative Chamber, please record your light indicating your presence. Unauthorized personnel are to leave the floor and there are