

please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Would all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor, the house is under call. Senator Pedersen, Senator Dierks, the house is under call. Senator Hillman, Senator Elmer, Senator Hartnett, Senator Schrock, the house is under call. Senator Beutler, the house is under call. All senators are present and accounted for. The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments on LB 886. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. A record vote has been requested. Record, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 240 of the Legislative Journal.) 4 ayes, 30 nays on the amendment, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment failed. I will raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Chambers has a priority motion, that would be to bracket the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers. Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schimek would move to amend the committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. The amendment deals with the same language that we've dealt with in the last two attempts to amend this on page 29, and all it does is on line 2 strike the words "and attempt to balance" so that the words...the sentence would then read the Governor shall consider representation based on political party affiliation, gender, race, age, and geographic areas of Nebraska when making appointments. Without being more specific in what we mean by party affiliation, what we mean by age groupings, geographic areas, and so forth, I think that it is not possible to balance, and especially when you have seven members on this body. I would still like to have guidelines in this bill so that these are things that the Governor and his staff thinks about or her staff when they are making appointments to this body. If anybody has any questions, I would be happy to answer them.