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call. The house is under call. Senator Landis, please report to the Chamber, and Senator Quandahl and Senator Preister. The house is under call. Unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. Senator Landis. All members present or accounted for, the question before the body is adoption of AM0491, offered by the Exec Board to LR 3CA. There's been...a roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, call the roll on the question, please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 313.)  
32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The amendments are adopted. I do raise the call. Back to discussion.. did you have anything further, Mr. Clerk? Back to discussion of LR 3CA itself. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. I wasn't really going to turn my light on again, but I just received some polling results here from a poll that was taken in 1999 by the Tarrance Group. And there's a couple things in here I think might be of interest. First of all, it says: Which approach do you think is a better and fairer way to determine whether or not state legislators should receive a salary increase? And naturally, as we would assume, 54 percent wanted the amount put on the ballot; 27 percent thought a commission or panel would be a good idea; 14 percent said just set the salary at a third of what the governor's is; and then 6 percent had other ideas. When they looked...when they were asked about how much of an increase, and I don't...I haven't really gone over the questions of the poll yet, but of those favoring \$24,000, 48 percent; those favoring \$20,000, 16 percent; those favoring \$18,000 was 9 percent, so it goes down the lower you get. And then opposing all, it jumps back up to 24 percent; and then unsure is 4 percent. Then one other thing, they polled about whether these facts or issues would make you more or less likely to favor increasing the salaries of state legislators--have not received an increase in 13 years, that was at that time in '99, 79 percent said that that would make them more likely to favor increasing the salaries of state legislators. With the cost of