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which means we will be able to do this for a long time, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Thank you.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I want to take exception to the point that the REA does not inspect the wiring in buildings. In the areas in which I have done wiring, you will not get one ampere of energy until the REA has got their tag hung on that disconnect that the wiring in that building meets the national code. This includes the circuit breaker sizes, the splicing, the whole bit in the wiring job. The REA definitely goes beyond the disconnect and they definitely do the inspecting in the rural areas.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If nobody else wants to speak, I just want to move the previous question.

SPEAKER: There is only one person who wishes to speak, Senator Carpenter, and that's Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: I just want to make a rebuttal.

SPEAKER: Just a moment. Will Senator Carpenter yield?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Will that end it then?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: OK.

SENATOR NORE: I'd like to ask Senator Kelly why I got the notice in the mail from the REA that they had inspected this wiring and it was not adequate, but it's still there. It's been there for fifteen years. There's a credibility gap here some place.

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think the validity and the merits of this bill have been laid out clear to you. No need to belabor the point. Certainly, it was not my intention to suggest the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of any existing electrical cooperative or firm. I am saying we have a gap in our safety as far as electrical inspections are concerned and I think it behooves this Legislature to act forthwith to solve that problem and 231 will. I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER: The motion is to advance LB 231. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I move a Call of the House.

SPEAKER: A Call of the House has been requested. Will the clerk clear the Board? Will the clerk clear the Board? Those in favor of having a Call of the House vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. All it takes is a majority, so the clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 21 ayes, Mr. President, 7 nays to go under Call.

SPEAKER: We are under Call of the House. Will the Senators