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be raised? All those in favor of raising the call of the house vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Excuse me, clear the board first. Motion, this is the motion to raise the call. Then Senator Duis has asked for a roll call vote on his amendment to 526. Okay, call is raised. Senator Duis is asking for a roll call vote, his amendment to 526. Senator Dickinson, did you have a question? Go ahead sir.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, I wondered how many were absent this morning, wow, that thing's --

PRESIDENT: Well, apparently the thing, well just a minute, stand by, we'll give you a report here.

CLERK: Five are absent, Mr. President, excused.

PRESIDENT: Five are absent and excused. Well, four that did not answer apparently to the call of the house, did not respond to the call of the house.

CLERK: Senator Anderson excused, Senator Barnett-- roll call vote given. 20 ayes, 21 nays, remainder not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: 20 ayes, 21 nays? Motion is lost. Do we have other amendments now to 526?

CLERK: Yes. The next amendment, Mr. President, is offered by Senator Carpenter (reads).

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter for his amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marvel and Senator Duis asked to be excused for the balance of the day.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the amendment. This amendment affects specifically and basically, insurance companies. I hear a great deal of adequacy (sp?) in this body about taxing the rich and those who are best able to pay and for you who do not understand and I think I'm correct, that the insurance companies are allowed to deduct the premium tax they pay in dollars from their income tax as indicated as would apply to other corporations generally and when they do that, that with, almost without exception eliminates any insurance company in the State of Nebraska paying a dollar's worth of income tax. Now let me explain, they do that because the present law as it now exists will allow them to deduct the total amount of premium tax they pay to the State in dollars from the dollars they would owe to the State on their income tax which in every case with the exception of three minor insurance companies, results in no income tax. In addition to that as I understand and recall, these insurance companies, some are in the mutual funds or in special ventures which their income in that area, as I understand, goes in this same general total. Now the purpose of this amendment is to stop that and give them an expense area instead of dollars against their overall expenses in which you arrive, for example, with an amount of dollars to be taxed which would have the effect of making them pay a substantial amount of income tax which today they don't pay any.