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SENATOR LUEDTKE: I am asking for a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: The motion is for a call of the House. The Clerk will clear the board. Will the members record their presence. All in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, those opposed vote nay. All we need is a simple majority. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to go under Call.

PRESIDENT: Members record your presence. Senator Dickinson did you wish to say something.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, I have a question, I would like to know the exact status of a noncontroversial status, this afternoon. It would appear to me that a red vote might make it automatically controversial, and is this what we are doing or not. Is a red vote an automatic protest or not?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Controversial, any member can make the statement, you automatically pass over it. Nobody knows for sure what is controversial and what isn't, but we start where we left off last week and do the same thing we did last week. If a bill comes up and the Senator says it is controversial you automatically pass it over.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: A lot of us stay here and we try to do what requires some effort. And it seems to me rather ludicrous if we're here and can't even get 25 votes. If we are not going to vote, we're..if we just want to dog it and do nothing, that's one thing. On the other hand if we pay attention to business this afternoon and we get 25 or 35 bills off from General File. That's what we are here for, to pass legislation or to do away with it, and these people who are not here, somebody ought to get them to their seats and keep them here. This is what we are here for. Is to do what the people supposes what we should do, and I just think it is completely unacceptable. Where the Budget is the only one who has been excused, and we can't get 25 votes to move a bill from General File over to E & R for Initial. One of these days we're going to be up a deadline. And some of these Senators who were not here are going to say, well why didn't we pass these bills. It's not up to me to read the riot act to you, but if you don't want to work let's all get the hell out of here and go home.

PRESIDENT: Now, the order is to record your presence, please. Record your presence. The motion is to advance LB 735. It lacked one vote.

CLERK: Senator DeCamp changing from negative to positive.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to raise the call. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Clerk will record. Call is Raised Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Are you through with that bill now?

CLERK: Nope, 25 ayes, 1 nay, remainder not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance the bill. The bill has been advanced. Now Senator Syas.