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favor of adopting the Committee amendments vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the adoption of the Committee amendments on LB 179. Have you all voted? We shouldn't have to have a Call of the House on every motion, should we? That's a rhetorical question.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would be reluctant to ask...

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: I would be reluctant to...

SENATOR LANDIS: The measure is imperative to the well being of Lancaster County. I...

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Landis, I would be kind of reluctant to recognize you for the purpose of making the Call, but it looks like we're going to have to...

SENATOR LANDIS: I would be reluctant to push the button to ask for a recognition so that I could offer a motion to ask for a Call of the House...

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: You can have one.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...on such a vital amendment.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the Committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The motion carries. The Committee amendments are mercifully adopted. We will now proceed with the bill. The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a mercifully noncontroversial measure, given this morning's agenda so far. I think we can dispense of this bill in about ten minutes or so. But let me describe it to you. It's a measure brought to me by our Lancaster County Attorney, Ron Lahners. In Lancaster County we have a policy of allowing restitution for bad checks by people who write them, and oftentimes those who write bad checks cannot make the entire payment, so the payment is made in parts to the County Attorney's office, and there is a necessity then to keep records of that so that they can see whether the full restitution is made. If it is made, the charges are dropped. If, however, only partial restitution is made, a crime has still been committed, and there is a potential for criminal prosecution. So, money