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call vote. We might as well.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Call of the House has been requested. The question....

SENATOR LANDIS: How many are absent? I don't....yes, how many are absent. I don't mean to call for something that is improbable.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There are ten excused at the moment.

SENATOR LANDIS: In that case I will withdraw my request for a Call of the House. Could we make this a record vote? I guess that would be fair. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1755 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. What is the next amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fowler now moves to amend the bill. Page 1358, yes, sir.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I had this amendment on General File but to facilitate the process I withdrew it, indicated that I assumed that it would be involved in whatever negotiations took place on the gas tax issue that either the Department of Roads or perhaps county officials or some of the lobbyists for the highway groups would contact me and visit with me and try and work out a compromise or integrate this. They have not done so, so I assume that there are no problems with the amendment, and with that I will present this. The amendment establishes a priority system for use of the dollars that are going to be provided the Department of Roads under this new bill and this new system. Now we have never had this before in terms of a legislative mandate because we have expected the Highway Commission and the highway staff to take the dollars that came from the gas tax and try and work with that. Well we have a new system now and it is a system that is going to involve each and every one of us in making highway decisions that we have never made before, and this is a major change and a major shift in LB 722. Now these decisions can be made by the Appropriations Committee from year to year, project to project, individual to individual. For example, there are some projects