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SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, the reason I am introducing this, I think there is at least one and perhaps more County Planning Commissions operating illegally, at least they think so. This bill involves the composition of County Planning Commissions. The members of a County Planning Commission are appointed by the County Board and the primary focus of the County Planning Commission is with lands which lay outside of the incorporated areas of the county. When a County Board appoints members of the County Planning Commission, current law requires that no more than two of the members serving on the Commission shall be from incorporated areas in the county, in other words, only two can be from cities or villages. This bill would strike the requirement that only two members may be from incorporated areas and insert instead the requirement that the majority of the Commission members be from unincorporated areas of the county. In other words, there would be more members from the county than from cities. The law as it now exists places no limit on the size of County Planning Commissions. City Planning Commissions, for example, are limited by statute to consist of nine members. When a county forms a Planning Commission it could, if it wanted, have the Commission consist of ten, fifteen, twenty members or whatever it wanted, yet only two by law could come from the incorporated areas in the county. This bill would provide that whatever the size of the County Planning Commission there would be more than two members from incorporated areas. The members who are from unincorporated areas in the county would still remain numerical majority of the Commission. I ask for permission to introduce the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Nichol motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The motion is the Request #890. Have you all voted? Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: I would ask for a Call of the House please, again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question before the House is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the House is under Call. All legislators please take your seats, record your presence. Have you all recorded your presence? Senator Carsten, will you please record your presence? The motion before the House is the Request 890. While some are still checking in the Clerk is authorized to take call-in votes. Have you all voted? Call the roll.