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presence please? Senator Newell, will you record your presence? Senator Pirsch, Senator Vickers, Senator Pirsch is the only one missing. Senator Warner, do you want to proceed. We are down to one. Okay, call the roll. Mr. Clerk, what is the issue first?

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is Senator Warner's amendment to the committee amendments. (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2081 and 2082, Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. The amendment passed.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, do you wish to advance the bill?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I want to put an amendment up.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would move to send the bill back to committee for public hearing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, the reason I put this amendment up is because I think now this bill should go back to committee so that we can let the people of Pierce County and the people of Burt County appear at the hearing and give us their input. I hated to do this but I feel that if we do not give them a chance to testify then they will be very unhappy about it and I think in our one house legislation we think and believe that our committee hearings are real valuable to make the one house system work. So I think this would give the people of these two counties and opportunity to be heard. I might say that the way this bill stands now we have a population variance of over one percent. I don't know what it is exactly but I do know that it is over one percent and I am sure that this will not stand up if it is challenged in our courts. Therefore, I would urge you to support this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first order of business is to adopt the committee amendment and then we will proceed from there. Before we take up the Hefner amendment, are there others who would speak to the committee amendments. Okay, Senator Hefner. Okay, the motion before the House is the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Newell, do you wish to