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the report of the Agriculture Committee vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the report.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The report is adopted. The gubernatorial appointees from the Agriculture Committee are confirmed. Any further matters, Mr. Clerk? Mr. Speaker, do you have anything at this point? Do you have anything to say at this point? Start out on Final. All right, if the Sergeant at Arms then will secure the chamber, we are ready for Final Reading, agenda item #5. See that all unauthorized personnel are off the floor. All members will be at their desks. Okay, if all legislators will be at their desks, as soon as you are at your desks, we will commence a very busy day of Final Reading. The sooner we get started, the sooner we can get them over to the Governor's office. Senator Johnson, you were tapping the microphone, were you just testing it, or did you want to be recognized?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, this very first bill that is on Final Reading does require 40 votes if this constitutional amendment is to be placed on the primary ballot. This is a little unusual, but would you ask each of the members to check in so I know how many are on the floor, and those that are not checked in will we send the Sergeant at Arms to go retrieve them from wherever they are. Unless they are in Omaha.

PRESIDENT: All right, I think it may be a reasonable request because we had so few and we got our quorum this morning, so....

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

PRESIDENT: ...would everybody just push the green button for a check-in to see how many are here? See that everybody is on the floor that should be on the floor. And let's do it as quickly as we can so we can get started. No. Senator Johnson...he wants to know if we are voting on the bill. Well, it's creeping up there, but even at that...all we are trying to do is get a showing of who is actually here so we know whether the Sergeant at Arms must go to bring in the bodies. Senator Nichol, you are smiling...what?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Speaker, are we free to roam around until you get 40 votes up there?