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the House? Senator Kremer, I imagine not everyone has voted who is here and I think we are going to have to have a Call of the House to get enough people in.

SENATOR KREMER: We need one more.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

SENATOR KREMER: Got it? Okay.

SENATOR CLARK: We have got it.

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

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Now on the bill itself, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, up until now the Nebraska Boundary Commission has been kind of a hit and miss thing. There were no funds to pay the expenses of the commissioners as they were required to meet from time to time. I said before that Al Pirsch being in Omaha and Chairman of the commission has spent a lot of his own money. That is one thing. Another thing the commission seemed to be unwieldy in that there were too many members on the commission and the committee thought fit to introduce legislation that would require less people and probably would be more effective. I know that Senator Carsten and probably Senator Remmers will have something to add. There are people that are their constituents that have had a lot of trouble with especially the State of Iowa, and we were required to meet with the Iowa Commission. We never did get very far, and we may not be very far there yet, and it may take a Supreme Court action to resolve some of the problems that exist. So we did introduce this bill. Now what the bill does, it does four things. First it states that the Boundary Commission shall be made up of these people: The Governor or his assignee, the State Surveyor, the Attorney General or their assignees, as well as one State Senator and two members from the general public. Currently, the Boundary Commission statute gives no guidance as to who or how many will serve on the commission and this bill will do that. The bill provides for payment to the commissioners of actual expenses only incurred in the business of the commission. Expenses have never been paid in the past. The Legislature would also direct the commission to negotiate with these border states along our Missouri River boundary, namely South Dakota, Iowa and