

plaintiff is going to get the interest because they are the ones that's really suffered, not the attorneys. The attorneys are going to get their fees if they have taken them on a contingency basis and when they do, they take them as a gamble. So vote it up or down, it won't hurt Marge Higgins' feelings. It will just tell me something about how the people feel about the bill...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...on the floor. Thank you, senators.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the closing statement on the Higgins bill...on the Higgins amendment, I should say. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Does this take 25 votes, or just...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...a majority of those voting?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, it takes 25, I am afraid, now.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: You know, like I said, I don't really care whether this amendment passes or not, so I am not going to bother the house for a call of the house. If somebody else wants to, that is fine, but as far as I am concerned it is up to the rest of the body.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Have you all voted that care to?

SENATOR SMITH: Call of the house.

SPEAKER NICHOL: A call of the house has been requested. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Chairman, we will take call ins on