

record your presence. Senator Cal Carsten, did you...please record your presence when you come in, please. Looking for Senator Warner, Senator Sieck, Senator Marsh. Looking for Senator Pirsch, Senator Marsh. Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: It is genuinely not my wish to delay things. Begin the roll call and as people come in perhaps we will have the full complement here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is, shall the Chair be overruled? It takes 21 votes. Roll call vote has been asked for. Would you proceed, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1443-44 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, it takes 22 since Senator Pirsch came back so the Chair is not overruled. The Chair is sustained. What do you have next, Mr. Clerk? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Again, based on the letter, that may be correct, but I think since the Chair or whoever up there stated the number of votes it would take to overrule, that change should have been made when the number changed. And I would...I think some people voted no because they thought it was safe to do so after they knew that the number was there to overrule the Chair. But I will tell you this, from what I am seeing happening in this body this afternoon, tells me that we are in for some very ugly, sticky days the rest of this session. And those who prevailed today by doing this may have won a pyrrhic victory and I believe that the Chair having said it takes 21 votes, 21 votes are what it should have taken. So you are telling me that there are now 41 people here? Forty-two people here?

SPEAKER NICHOL: We have eight members excused. Yes, sir. Prior to that we had nine excused. Would you want me to have gone the other way and had it changed?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think you should have notified that 21 is not the number.

SPEAKER NICHOL: For that, I apologize, if I owe an apology for that.