

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President, I'd like to have a call of the house before I speak, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 6 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence. Those not in the Chamber, please return promptly so that we may proceed. Please record your presence when you come to the Chamber. Those that are here, please record your presence now. We need Senator Abboud, please record your presence. Senator Baack, Senator Barrett, Senator Chambers, Senator Chizek, Senator Eret, Senator Goodrich, Senator Haberman, Senator Hall, Senator Lamb, Senator Landis, Senator Rod Johnson, Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator Hefner, Senator Hartnett, Senator Peterson, Senator Pirsch, Senator Scofield, Senator Sieck, Senator Smith, Senator Warner. We're looking for Senator Chambers, Senator Scofield, Senator Sieck, and Senator Peterson.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR HARRIS: If you don't mind, I'll go ahead and...

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, we are only lacking two, so please proceed.

SENATOR HARRIS: Okay. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is probably the single most important issue that you are going to be voting on in regard to your constituents and their pocketbooks in this particular session, even more so than the tax and spending policies that we are going to make. I was asked, some time ago, about which way I was leaning as a member of the Public Works Committee, and I mentioned this once before, which way I was leaning on the issue, towards AT&T, LT&T, Sprint, whatever. And my immediate response was I am leaning towards the people. I'm going to support the Schmit amendment, and I think you should listen to