

additional funding through some cash funds to replace some of those cuts but still we are looking at substantial cuts in the Department of Agriculture's budget. I think that this is one program that we can put back into the budget, get it administered, and continue to help people who really need the help at this time. I am amazed that it is even on the chopping block but then, again, I am not sure what the priorities of this Legislature may be but I think that there is a good chance that we can put this money back into the budget and continue to help people who need that help, who need some financial assistance at this time, and I would hope this body will find it within themselves to restore \$50,000 to the Department's budget for the purpose of getting it out to the community colleges and the University to administer this program. Even if we restore this particular cut, the Department of Agriculture will still be suffering almost a 4 percent cut in their budget so I believe they are going to continue to take their fair share of the cuts. But this is one program I think the Department feels is a very important one and one that we should restore.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. The question is the adoption of...Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: I would like to ask for a call of the house.

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

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence if you are here. If not, would you please return to the Legislative Chambers and record your presence. So look up to see if your light is on and please record your presence. Thank you. We are looking for Senator Wesely, Senator Schmit, Senator Scofield, Senator Hannibal, Senator Lynch, Senator Haberman, Senator Goodrich, Senator Beutler, Senator Remmers. We are still looking for Senator Scofield, Senator Hannibal, Senator Lynch. While we are waiting for the folks to return, may I introduce a special guest of Senator Schmit and Senator Wesely. He is Mr. Ken Hachett of New York City under the north balcony.