

one. Senator Vard Johnson for closing.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I am so sorry that this has taken as long as it has taken. It is a small issue. It should not have taken this long and I do apologize for it taking this long. Obviously people think there is a lot more at stake than \$318,000. People think that the domino theory will sweep this body and we will go for reduction after reduction to the \$17 million cut that we currently have. I've just been talking about what I think is good government. I think Senator Beutler is talking about the same thing. I hope the rest of the folk feel the same way. Senator Lundy is correct. The Department of Revenue's staff has increased, one reason why is because we have passed a variety of revenue enhancement bills, and every time we do that we always accompany it with an A bill because each new bill requires new enforcement techniques. But this particular budget cut will have a fairly significant effect on the Department of Revenue, enough so that I am nervous that we will actually lose money along the way, and I think that it is important that we not lose money by virtue of this kind of a cut. I think it is important that we remain true and firm to the Department of Revenue so that we can collect all the dollars that are out there to collect, we can do as good a job as possible on the motor vehicle fuel tax, and we can do as good a job as possible on the bingo and pickle card collections, we can do as good a job as possible on property tax enforcement, we can do as good a job as possible on collecting sales and use taxes, and we can't do that unless the personnel are there. So for the last time I would ask you to support this one small amendment to the budget bill, and I guess I better ask, one more time, for a call of the house.

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

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence. All those not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Four are excused. Please look up to see if your green light is illuminated, and if not please push your green button. We're looking for Senators Conway and DeCamp. Senator Rod