

thoughts, reconsider all of your thoughts on this...these proposed cuts, try to see the total picture which is that we have to go down the other road, and not just try to look for the short run, the short fix, the \$6 million dollar fix in an \$839 million budget. We had better be a little bit more foresighted in this Legislature. We had better decide that we are the leaders. We had better quit fixing wounds with a Band-aid that are causing more infection. Specifically, we had better quit squeezing the budgets down where they are costing us more money or shifting taxes to property taxes and begin to go down the right road of lopping off programs, making the hard choices. Senator Chambers is right. This is a mistake along with several others that we have made. Let's begin to turn ourselves around and begin to add this back into the budget. I would support the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Chambers, would you like to close on your motion, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, to see what is here, I would like to call a call of the house if I may.

SENATOR CARSTEN: A call of the house has been requested. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The house is under call. All senators please return to your chairs, press your green button. All unauthorized personnel will please leave the floor. Those senators who can hear me, please return to the Chamber and register your presence. The house is under call. Senator Lynch, would you press your... Senator Baack, Senator Higgins, Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch. Senator Chambers, Senator Pirsch is the only one that is not excused that isn't here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, my close deals with an attempt to restore the cut that was made in social services. The amount being cut is \$210,000. Senator Wesely has pointed out that if that state money is taken, once that leaves, it draws \$300,000 in federal money with it. The total impact would be then over \$500,000, and it would all be absorbed in the rural areas. If times were ordinary, we wouldn't even be here in this special session, and if times were not extraordinarily bad from what we have been told, we would