

Chambers. Senator Labedz, will you poke your green button, please. Thank you. Senator Lynch. There he is. Senator McFarland, Sieck, Senator Smith, Speaker Nichol. Senator Sieck, Senator Nichol and Senator McFarland, we're looking for. Senator Sieck and Senator Nichol are the two that we are waiting on. Senator Nichol is the only one. We are voting on the Vard Johnson amendment to LB 1. Senator Johnson, do you want to take call ins or a roll call?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I better do a roll call vote, Mr. Speaker, and Senator Nichol is not here but we'll just relax without him, I guess.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, we will go to roll call vote. Please, keep it quiet so the Clerk can hear the answers and you may proceed with the roll call.

CLERK: (Roll call taken. See page 65 of the Legislative Journal.) 23 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The motion fails and the amendment is not adopted. Do you have anything more, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hartnett would move to amend the bill. (The Hartnett amendment appears on page 66 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: The call is raised reluctantly. Senator Hartnett, would you like to speak to your amendment, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I handed out a handout and it really doesn't do anything with money, except I think what it does it exerts our influence, our right, to spend money next year, because what happened, I guess, in our last...in our regular session, if you can remember back that time, is that we had...we gave the Governor, we set up a Governor's trust fund, if you look on page 3, that would allow...at that time only add \$5 million into this energy fund. And so what this is, just simply to strike that particular section which would allow us in the next session to spend and appropriate this money in a feasible fashion. And so that's simply the purpose of my amendment, to strike one line and it doesn't do anything right now with any money, it simply allows us, which I think it should be the 49 people who will be here next month, I guess, next year, to spend this money in the proper fashion rather than letting one person do it. So that is