

for our welfare over the years, and has done a good job. If it wouldn't have been for Senator Chambers, we wouldn't be receiving expenses these days. So Senator Chambers has really tried to take care of the institution, and tried to take care of the body. And I think this is a time when it's...we shouldn't go second rate. I think the Legislature, our staffs and our people provide a very valuable service to us, and we ought to appreciate that by giving them the raises that we think are necessary. I think there are very few people in here, as indicated by the conversation between Senator Chambers and a number of my colleagues, who felt their staffs weren't worth the 5 percent raise. So I think that this is a very legitimate raise. I think it's one that we, as a body, need to stand up and say, yes, our employees are in a unique situation. We need to support this, we need to pay our employees what we think they're worth, and we need to take care of our own employees. With that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Speaker Baack. We'll now vote on the Warner amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Warner amendment? Speaker Baack.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Request a call of the house and we'll do a roll call vote.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Had a motion for a call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the Chambers and please check in. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Would the senators please return to their seats and record their presence. The house is under call. While we are waiting for the senators to return, Senator Conway has announced that the Government Affairs Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., instead of 4:00 p.m., and it will be in Room 1507. Would the senators please record their presence. Senator Rogers, Senator Warner, Senator Schrock, Senator Hillman, Senator Lindsay, Senator Lynch. Senator Bernard-Stevens, and Senator Beutler, would you please record your presence. Still looking for Senator Lynch and Senator Lindsay. We'll proceed with roll call vote on the Warner