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SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I have not heard an argument raised yet that rescinds or defends why those decisions were made and why suddenly, after 20 years of precedence, those decisions are bad. They are bad because the court told us, but they are not bad because of the decisions that this Legislature over the years made to provide those exemptions to the public sector, whether it be business or agriculture. Now as I said, I guess my opinion is that I was uncomfortable with the sales tax on services, I was uncomfortable with the 3-R proposal, and I felt that I would offer at least an alternative proposal for this Legislature to discuss. It is my hope that we will be able to adopt it. We can argue all day and look into our own little crystal balls as to whether the voters are going to accept it. I was telling Senator Bernard-Stevens, I don't know of one plan yet that has been passed out to this body, either in the Revenue Committee or now on the floor, that the public is going to accept in a constitutional amendment form.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: So I am saying let's roll the dice and see where we are at with this particular proposal. I'd move the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. We will now vote on the Johnson amendment to the committee amendments on LB 1120. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? A record vote has been requested. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, I would ask for a roll call vote, please, and a call of the house too, I am sorry.

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

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. All unexcused senators please return to the Chambers and return and record their presence. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Would the senators please check in. The house is under call. Senator Robinson, please check in. We are looking for Senator Hillman. Please check in, Senator Hillman. Thank you. We will proceed with the roll call vote in reverse order.