

amendment then has to be subjected to each and every other consideration, particularly the rule of germaneness, because if we allow this ruling to stand, I'm afraid that it will lead to additional...set the precedent and will lead to additional sorts of mischief with other amendments. And I think the body is, at this point, perfectly willing and excited to debate any...each and every idea for a change that's brought for us. But I think, in some ways, we are wearying of the process of division of the questions being used for purposes of delay as opposed to its intended purpose, and that is the purpose of...of allowing an issue that may be buried within a larger component, allowing that to be considered separately. I think the intent of the division is to allow the latter. Too often, this session, we're using it for the former. And I would urge you to...to join me in voting to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. We will now vote on the motion to overrule the Chair. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes. I would like two things. First of all, I would like a...a call of the house and would accept call-in votes. The question I would have though is, the number of votes required for this motion to be successful.

PRESIDENT MOUL: It's a majority of those present, and at this moment it's 23 votes, unless some excused members would arrive.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you.

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

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to go under call.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. Would all unexcused senators please return to the Chamber and record their presence. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Would the senators please check in. We're looking for Senators Ashford, Lynch and Moore; Senator Robak, Senator Hillman, Senator Hohenstein, and Senator Horgan. A roll call vote has now been requested. We're still looking for Senator Hillman. And we now require 24 votes, Senator Withem. We'll proceed with a roll call vote on the motion to overrule the Chair.