

exemptions, we can get a long ways down to a point of which you have a cynical lid for which people cannot, in conscience, claim that we have a lid. The difficulty is we don't know where we are between the 12 percent that is not going to occur and the 6 1/2 percent that we know will occur, roughly, from the one situation that Senator Hohenstein brings to us. If we get up to 8 or 9 percent of property tax increases in a year, I think we're at that point at which we have abridged the public sense of what is a lid and what isn't a lid, which is why I reluctantly have made the trimming in the bill that I have. I understand it does not meet every one of the needs that are out there. There are still benefits to counties. There are still benefits in the ministerial provisions and, for that reason, this is as well as I can draw the language now. On the other hand, if the bill fails to move, if the amendment gets failed to be adopted, perhaps there is a way to go back to the drawing board. I don't see it now. And maybe it's better to have nothing than something if that something is antithetical to your interests. It's just about where I'm right now and that's the position I find myself. I can't imagine we have enough people here on the floor at the time to do this. I would ask for a call of the house before we take a vote on this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: A call of the house has been requested. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. Senator Beutler, would you check in, please. We're looking for Senators Bernard-Stevens, Moore, Kristensen, Pedersen, Chambers and Wesely. We are looking for Senators Moore, Bernard-Stevens and Pedersen. We are looking for Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Landis, we cannot locate Senator Bernard-Stevens. May we go ahead and vote?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, yes, Dennis, we...

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. We will now proceed to vote on the Landis amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Landis's amendment.