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order in the Chamber please. (Gavel.) We're beginning the discussion on rules.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this proposed rule change deals with Rule 8. I will indicate that I think I would prefer that it be submitted to the Rules Committee and will go through that process. I understand it will take 30 votes instead of 25 then. But my reason for doing it are two or three things. I think it is important for the body because it is a significant change in a rule that we never used. But I think it needs to be clearly discussed and understood. In visiting with some of the members there are other suggestions that I did not include in this that probably ought to be addressed in the same rule at the same time, and harmonized. I think that would work more smoothly through the Rules Committee. So, if no one objects, I would just request it be referred to the Rules Committee.

PRESIDENT: Without objection? So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Beutler and Senator Morehead. That proposed change is found on page 27 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, the rule change, essentially, would provide for the adoption of the permanent rules for one year instead of for a two-year period. Historically in the Legislature, before a rule change that was made last year, the rules were somewhat indefinite about how long the permanent rules were in effect once you adopted them, for one year or for two years. Some years, I understand, it was done for two years. Since I've been in the Legislature, six years ago, we usually did it for one year. We were operating under a somewhat indefinite rule. Last year then in the legislative session somebody proposed that we put it in the rules that they be adopted for a two-year period. I was opposed to that change just as a general principle. But in this particular year I would like to ask the indulgence of the Legislature to adopt the permanent rules only for one year for a couple of reasons. But the principal reason is that there has been a considerable amount of research done by the Executive Committee, the one that existed obviously before today,