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that the question was brought up about the fact that new members elected to the legislature did not have access to the bill drafter's office at a particular time, so what we have done here, we have added in here, the wording newly elected members to the legislature and if I may insert this and you haven't read it, it will read like this then, the bill drafter shall prepare all bills and amendments in proper form, when requested by members of the legislature, newly elected members of the legislature or heads of executive departments. In other words if they were elected in November, and they knew they were elected he should then prepare bills for them so they will have the same opportunities as the already elected members of legislature from that particular date on. Then we also added another section here, and I would like to have your attention because I do think this is going to be mightily important to a great number of people in the legislature, because this part of this rule change is going to help us tremendously if it's followed, by not having repetitions of bills in certain sections. This part reads, the section index of bills drafted shall be made available to all Senators newly elected Senators and other persons entitled to have bills drafted. In other words you go down to get a bill drafted, and all you'll have to do now, is ask the bill drafter's office, let's see, if you will go over the index that you have on section numbers, and they will then tell you whether or not that section number has already been picked up by someone, and a bill of that kind has been drafted, drafted by them and it may help with repetition. That is the extent of the rule change before us at the present time, we ask it's adoption.

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President and members of legislature, I just want to compliment the rules committee on this last rule change in particular that section index, but I just want to make a point of this, I've been disgusted about this particular fact that we haven't had this available to us as long as I've been in the legislature, and I think this will be very important to us, however, this rule is going to be only as strong as we make it, in other words, if we don't use it, we have only ourselves to blame from here on out, and I think it, that we should use it.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion? Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Not unless there is questions and I would heartedly suggest that if you have a question on you mind, please bring it forth now, because it will save changing the rule again in case there is someone who does have a question.

SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? The question is shall the rule change be adopted, all those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. This requires one more vote. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, Mr. President on the motion to adopt.

SPEAKER: The rule change is adopted. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: The next rule change if you will please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Rule Change (read).

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, the reason for this is clarification as to what committees were allowed to introduce bills, and so we made it definite and very