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that after soliciting names from each and every one of you, then in order to start out on the right foot, I guess, in terms of allowing the Governor some latitude, we took all the names that you gave us. We hereby recommend them to you, and we send them all over to the Governor and he can select from that list of 20. The law requires us to send a minimum of 3. We have before you a list of 20. So, Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the names submitted to you by the Executive Board for the Political Accountability Act.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion has been made, Mr. Clerk. You've heard the motion concerning the Political Accountability Report. If you have...or are in need of the names you turn to Page 187. Is there any further discussion? If not, the motion is to adopt the report of the Executive Board. All those... 25 votes...all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on Item #6, the Political Accountability Report from the Executive Board. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Executive Board report, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carries and the report is adopted. The Chair will now recognize Senator Fowler, Chairman of the Rules Committee, and we proceed with the Rules Committee report as per your agenda. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: The Committee Report is on Page 173 of the Journal, I believe, and the rule change is on Page 81 of the Journal. The Rules Committee met on Friday, January 5th and acted favorably on this rule change. The vote was 3 to 2. So it was not unanimous. The rule change is on Page 81. It's proposed by Senator Newell. I will let him elaborate on it in a minute. I believe he may also have an amendment. Essentially the change is to alter the way in which we confirm gubernatorial appointments to have those approved by standing committees rather than the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Committees function then would be to make the committee assignments in the Legislature, and those other duties that are specified in the rules, but would no longer be in charge of confirmation of appointments. The appointments would be referred to the appropriate standing committees by the Executive Board just as bills are referred right now. That's an outline of the rule change, and I think I would like Senator Newell perhaps to propose his suggested amendment and to speak for it. Again, the rule change...the language is on Page 81 and the committee report is on 173.