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CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See Pages 781 and 782 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: The rule change is adopted. For those in the balcony who came in just a few moments ago, we have been discussing a rule change which would allow each senator to introduce six bills a year instead of ten, and it just passed by thirty votes, which was the amount needed to do so. Senator Lewis, will you prepare to present your rule change on Page 476, but before you do that somebody has suggested that we remove the Call of the House. All those in favor say aye. Opposed. We are not under Call. Before you proceed, Senator Lewis, I'd like to make an announcement that in the north balcony we have approximately two hundred youth from the Nebraska Council of Youth and they are from various towns in the State of Nebraska. Would you please rise and be recognized? I notice some of them are in the south balcony too. I didn't know some of you were over there. Thank you. For those in the balcony, we are now going to consider another rule change, which does not happen every day in the Legislature, and our Chairman of the Executive Board, Senator Frank Lewis from Bellevue will present the rule change and explain to us what it's about.

SENATOR LEWIS: I yield to Herb to start with.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. Senator Lewis yields to Senator Herb Duis of Gothenburg, who will (interrupted).

SENATOR DUIS: No, Mr. President, what I want to do is make an announcement, if I might, please. I wanted to announce that the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee will meet in Executive Session at 11:45 in the west lounge. Thank you, sir.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you. Now back to Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. President and colleagues, I certainly hope this doesn't take as long as the last one did. I'm offering this rule change on behalf of the Executive Board, and it's consistent with our plans to try to shore up our process in here, and particularly give the Speaker the authority that he needs to carry out his functions, which he has done extremely well. We're simply asking you that when we want to change the Speaker's Order, that it requires thirty votes... just like suspension of the rules. I think that will get us away from the idea of changing that order back and forth, and we've been pretty good so far in terms of getting off of the organized agenda. I think this particular rule change will