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SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the Committee on Committees report. Does every legislator have a copy of this? Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Committee on Committees' action. Besides that, I think it is about time that Senator Kelly started earning his wages around here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Committee on Committees report. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the report, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried, and the report is adopted. Senator Kelly, with the adoption of this report you now can take your vest off and go to work. Okay, the Chair would like now to take up the pending rule change which is number 4, and you will recall that we rejected the proposed amendment to the Carsten rule change. We now are taking up the...once again the Carsten rule change itself. I would alert you that as soon as we're through with this, I would like to take up LB 479 so we can dispose of the matter and get it to the Governor for his approval or disapproval. The Chair... Senator Fowler, would you like to make some remarks first?

SENATOR FOWLER: I think where we left off yesterday, and to refresh the memory of the individuals as to how the Carsten rule change stands. If you do not have a copy of the handout, you can turn to Page 427 of the Legislative Journal, Page 427, and there would be Senator Carsten's rule change. With the Committee amendment rejected, Senator Carsten's rule change limits each member as an introducer or co-introducer to ten bills over a two-year period. It then limits the committees to ten bills for each regular session. Now the ten bills over a two-year period, if this is adopted today, it would be my understanding that it would be in effect for the two-year period that we are currently in. Therefore, if you have introduced eight bills this legislative session, you would be able to introduce two bills next session. If you introduced ten bills this legislative session, you could not introduce any bills next session. If you introduced one bill this session, you could introduce nine in the next session. The Committee amendment