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myself considered those changes. Again, we altered, edited, rejected some and those that are before you now are those that we afforded for your consideration. So at least eleven members of the Legislature have been involved in committees that have reviewed these rule changes. I think that they have had a good deal of scrutiny, not to suggest that there aren't additional alternatives that should be presented. Motions to amend--these rule changes will take twenty-five votes. It is my understanding that the adoption of the permanent rules also will take twenty-five votes. I would be glad to invite other members of the 168 Committee or other members of the Rules Committee to address generally these rule changes. I would be glad to entertain any questions about the rules in general or any of the specific miscellaneous rules changes. I would rather that we not discuss the committee changes until later. So with that I am open to questions or others may wish to speak.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler, before we get into the debate on this matter, is it your understanding having made the motion that all seven in a package as you stated would be one motion and then we will take them up individually for a vote that that would be only twenty-five votes for each time we vote on them or discuss them individually. I would like to have you explain to the body what your understanding is of the number of votes so that the Chair doesn't get involved in an argument with anybody as we proceed, so if you will proceed.

SENATOR FOWLER: If members wish to vote individually on these, we could. I would suggest that if there are specific ones of concern that we can pull those out for amendment and vote on those. A couple of these are very routine and I don't think that we need to have lengthy discussion but we could take a separate vote on each one if that might make it clearer for the body and if the presiding officer wishes we can take each one one at a time.

PRESIDENT: And if you do that then that would be only twenty-five votes though.

SENATOR FOWLER: Right, twenty-five votes to adopt each one.

PRESIDENT: All right and then is it the understanding that the package can also then be adopted by twenty-five votes at this point?

SENATOR FOWLER: That is correct.