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CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the proposed rule change.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the rule change is adopted as amended. Now, Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Since the body moved so quickly and thoroughly on the miscellaneous rules changes, I guess we will continue with the proposed revamp of Rule 3. I didn't expect that we'd get to this till tomorrow but I think we can proceed ahead. Rule 3 is the rule that addresses committees, the procedures, the structure of committees and so on. The rewrite of Rule 3 is intended to provide greater clarity in the sections. It does have some substantive changes as we get into it and it also includes, now you should have two handouts. There is one that says, Proposed Revamp of Rule Three, and that is what we will take up and we will take that up section by section. There also is then a Model Committee Rules that is an appendix to Rule 3, and as we get into the discussion, I will mention when that comes into play. So I think if we take the Proposed Revamp of Rule Three, and if people are short some copies, I have a few extras, and we will take Section 1 which is page 1 and, basically, it is called Committees in General and I would move for adoption of Section 1, Committees in General. It really constitutes an introductory statement and a basically write into the rules what is our present understanding of the powers of committees and the jurisdiction of committees and basically says that the committees are under the rules of the Legislature. Now you may feel that this is somewhat self-evident but it never has really been written into the rules. I think that we felt on the LR 168 Committee and in the Rules Committee that it would be good to get this into the record and have it there and, obviously, it probably should be the first section. So I would move for adoption of this. It basically discusses the power of the committees, the jurisdiction of the committees, the fact that they fall under the legislative rules and in the discussions on this none of the members of the Rules Committee found anything of controversial nature in this particular Section 1.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your motion is the....

SENATOR FOWLER: Adoption of Section 1.

SPEAKER MARVEL: ...adoption of Section 1, paragraph (a).

SENATOR FOWLER: I would move all three paragraphs, (a), (b)