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extraordinary or reasonableness, or this sort of thing, is open for debate any time you use it, and if we are going to use that term "extraordinary circumstances", I certainly think we ought to spell it out what it is.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Wesely, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Nichol's concerns I think are well taken. It seems to have shifted the focus from my amendment to subsection (b) though. He did say, and it is our practice presently in executive session to allow the press to be there and to report on action taken. My amendment merely states that that is indeed the policy of the Legislature so that it is nothing new. If you want to discuss further the question of taking the next step and providing a closed session, that should be discussed on its own merits but I ask you to please support this amendment so that we can insure that the press is allowed to report on executive session action. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House then is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to Rule 3 as presented by Senator Fowler. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Wesely's change, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion passed. The amendment is adopted. Read the next amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Newell, and Senator Newell's amendment may be found on page 146 of the Legislative Journal, and it is amending section 2 on page 2 of the proposed revamp.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to just briefly explain the proposed rules change which was approved by the Rules Committee on a 5-0 vote. The committee in a very unprecedented and unusual move decided to abolish itself and there was a unanimous agreement to do that. Basically it would not be exactly abolishing itself, it would be combining with the Committee on Committees who now as it is presently constituted does not have a great deal of responsibilities after the first day in this next