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LR 1

SENATOR WIITALA: I just move the adoption of my amendment please.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the amendment to the Wiitala LR 1. Senator Dworak, did you wish to discuss the amendment? Is Senator Dworak somewhere out there, in the great beyond out there? Senator Dworak, did you wish to speak to the amendment? No. All right, no one else wishing to speak to the amendment, Senator Wiitala, I guess that is your opening and your closing. So unless you have something else to say on the amendment. The motion is the adoption of the Wiitala amendment to the Wiitala LR 1. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 10 nays on the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Anything further on the resolution?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Wiitala, you may proceed to discuss LR 1.

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Yes, Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Does it take 25 votes to amend a resolution or does it just take a majority?

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir, it does, 25 votes. You are thinking of the amendment to the amendment on General File which takes only a majority of those voting, but this is an amendment to the principal proposal, to the motion, and it takes 25 votes.

SENATOR WIITALA: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, forgive me for not explaining the amendment to my resolution. I think it would help. It was a technical correction that I was making. The bill drafting office had mistakenly put in "reducing" in that line and I intended to put the word "setting" the rates. Colleagues, I introduced LR 1 to provide some perspective for this body in the calling of this special session. I am hoping that this resolution will point out the ramifications of calling this certain kind of special session and bring to your attention the threats that it poses for the principle of separation of