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change, the Revenue Committee will conduct an Executive Session underneath the north balcony at eleven o'clock. Revenue Committee, north balcony, eleven o'clock. Mr. President, the next change I have is by Senator Beutler and I believe copies have been distributed to the membership.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I hope you will give some attention to this rule change and unfortunately it is rather long. It represents a long period of time, of work by my staff at different times. And it is something that I think we have needed to do for a long period of time, and that is to establish for ourselves a Code of Official Conduct, that is a code of ethics for the Legislature, and this code which has been passed out to you and should be on everybody's desk was modeled primarily on the United States Congressional Codes in effect in the House of Representatives and the Senate. In fact, a great number of the provisions of this particular document are lifted directly from that. For example, number one, under Rule 9 number (1) of the proposition is taken from the House of Representatives Code directly, word for word. In a couple of places we have adopted some language from other states and in item (4) much of that language is original, it is our own language and that is a particular item that we will pay some attention to when we get there. This particular Code of Official Conduct would be adopted as part of our rules and the enforcement mechanism, and I hope you will listen to this carefully because I think it is important, the enforcement mechanism would be through rules and regulations adopted by our own Rules Committee. Our own Rules Committee would be the committee that would take action, if any, based upon violations of this particular code. Now if you look back under Section 12, that is the enforcement provision and that describes the role of the Committee on Rules of the Legislature. And as you can see, after a public hearing and a series of meetings this summer and fall, they will come up with a set of regulations. Then those regulations have to be approved by the Executive Board of the Legislature which represents the whole Legislature and then finally the code would become effective one year from this date at the beginning of the next session, which means, and this is important to understand, which means that when this comes up