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should be de-emphasized in that short time period of the special session for a number of reasons. Okay, what I am proposing to you is a system...what the Rules Committee is proposing to you is a system that is described for you, if you want to read it, in what has been handed out to you, it says Proposed Rule Change With Beutler-Vickers Amendment. Or if you want to look at it visually, I passed out another handout to you which kind of shows you what happens. The system would be basically this. You would start in the special session and you would introduce bills and resolutions and the introduction would be limited to the first day only. So on the first day you would have bills and resolutions introduced, that is as opposed to the first 10 days if you are operating under the rules of a regular session. So you can see once again where that rule doesn't really apply to a special session. It needs to be modified. All right, so they are introduced on the first day and the call bills, what I call the call bills are introduced first, that is the bills that the caller of the special session seeks to introduce. If the Governor calls the special session, the Governor's bills are introduced first. If it is a group of legislators, then the bills of that group of legislators are introduced first but that doesn't limit the number of bills introduced. Anybody can then thereafter introduce a bill that is on any subject within the call of the special session as they please, just as we do at the present point in time. Okay, once the bill is introduced, then it is referenced directly to General File. The technical reference is directly to General File but...but there is a very important provision in there that says that even though all bills are automatically referenced to General File, they are held until there is a Standing Committee recommendation received. Okay, they have got to be held on General File until there is a Standing Committee recommendation received. All right, so at the same time that they are referenced to General File, the Reference Committee within one day of the introduction of the bill references the bill for a public hearing, solely for the purpose of a public hearing. So the Standing Committee then has to have a public hearing, and after the public hearing, it makes a recommendation to the legislative body as a whole, and it has to make that recommendation within five days of the referencing of the bill. So we control the time period so that the committee cannot drag out and stall the whole situation the whole special session. So within five days of it being referenced to the committee, they need to

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