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particular amendment. I would simply move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion is a vote on Senator Beutler's motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Thirty votes required. You are voting on the proposed rule change. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will call the vote.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the Beutler-Vickers amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Beutler-Vickers amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I handed out material. Senator Beutler asked me to look over his rules last night. I did with the limited amount of time I had available. I am satisfied from reading them that there is nothing you can say other than it destroys the committee system. Maybe the best proof of that is using a concrete example, special session we already had. The sole issue of that special session really boiled down, didn't it, to whether there was going to be a bill in the committee, the interstate bill, or whether the bill was going to be on the floor and the committee had only an informational hearing. That was what it was all about, remember. There is an old saying that bad cases...hard case, well, you can't be perfect, hard cases make bad law. That was a hard case. Now in reaction to it in preparation for the next special session, I think there is a desire to make sure that any impediment to being able to railroad through this program or that program, any impediment is removed, and an impediment is the committee system. You have got to hurdle that first. You and I know that everyone of us has had major bills here that we firmly believe in but that we haven't found a way to get around the committee system. It may take two or three or five years for us to get some of these bills passed because of that. If you create an alternate system where somebody, in this case the Governor, can work his will bypassing the committee system, you have truly destroyed the balanced power so the first criticism I have is that it does destroy the committee system. The second criticism I would have is that, I think