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change? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption on that proposed rule change.

PRESIDENT: That portion of the Beutler amendment is adopted.

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

PRESIDENT: Very well. Now then we need to adopt the rule as amended. Senator Warner, do you wish to speak? You are recognized.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it isn't really necessary to speak, but the discussion reminded me of something. There was discussion on the session of 1981 and I well recall the...anger would be the word I should use, that flashed through my mind the first time I sat in then Governor Thone's Office and they were outlining some of the proposed rules they would like to see which was not to refer a budget reduction bill to committee and it was offensive to me at the time and I said so. But it was not done and I went along with it. We did it again and it's like a lot of little sins. They get easier to put up with each time it is done, but I remembered back how angry I was and I prefer, and even though I had sent to Senator Beutler earlier on, I didn't have a lot of problems with their proposal. I remembered back and I prefer the system we have, the 25 votes to take it away from committee if they are, in fact, attempting to play games with the whole Legislature, is the safeguard that makes it suitable and still retains the formal process that we traditionally use. So I'd urge you to support the rule change, but I did want to at least indicate to Senator Beutler that I had sort of changed my mind as I remembered back the events of 1981, what my reaction was at that time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, your light is on.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I just urge the adoption of this rule since it's important that we have a rule for special sessions. Also I'd like to point out that in spite of the many things that have been said on this debate, that there, in fact, is not that much difference between the rule