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fact when I first started addressing this issue, I led Senator DeCamp unfortunately into a situation which was misleading on my part, for that I apologize. I agree with Senator Vickers that what the Rules Committee is trying to do is to address a situation which we saw specifically occur last year in which there was a conflict in the way our rules were written. As it stands now the rules say that it takes 30 votes to bring a bill from committee after it has been indefinitely postponed by the committee. In another section of the rules as interpreted by a person in the Chair, you can bring a constitutional amendment which can be treated as a bill to the floor after it has been indefinitely postponed with 25 votes. Now I concur with Senator Vickers that this is something that needs to be at least brought into harmony. If you want to say it can take 25 votes to bring both of them from committee after they have been indefinitely postponed, then address the rule that way. The feeling of the committee was that it should take 30 votes for both once they have been indefinitely postponed by the action of a committee. Therefore, we adapted this rule change to conform with the feeling of the committee. I would like to speak for the 30 votes. I think that we see an increasing number of constitutional amendments, petitions, referendums being proposed. I do not think this is bad but I do not think that we should treat it lightly. Unfortunately these issues do not get a full enough debate before they see the light of day as a ballot issue and I would like to encourage you to retain the number of votes at 30 for both of them to be pulled from committee. I think the committees do their work. I think they do it in a fine fashion and give deliberative thought to it. So I am speaking in favor of the retention of the 30 votes for both the bills and the constitutional amendments as they would be proposed to be pulled from the committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely passes his time. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Was there an amendment introduced to this bill or not?

PRESIDENT: No, not yet.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So we are still talking about the original rule change?