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SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the body, I would move the adoption of the rule as presented.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak on this measure? We are back to the original proposal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, a majority of those who voted voted for my amendment to treat all resolutions the same. If you defeat this proposal that is being offered now, vote this down, then we in effect have achieved it anyway and it will take 25 votes to revive a resolution that is treated as a bill.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, the call of the house is raised. Excuse me, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. The proof of it is that they are offering an affirmative statement about what has to be done with reference to a resolution treated as a bill when you are trying to revive it. That is the Rules Committee's position. I lost the other vote fair and square but the issue was not lost in that vote. If the same 23 who voted to use 25 votes to revive the bill will vote against this proposed amendment to the rules, then we will have achieved that purpose anyway and it will take 25 votes. So the last vote made us do in two steps what we could have done in one. So I am asking that you vote against this proposed amendment to the rules and then we will have a situation where all resolutions are treated the same with reference to how they are to be revived and that is by looking at the only other language in the rules that deals with resolutions when it comes to their being killed or revived. The only language says it takes a majority of the elected members which means 25, so I am asking that you vote against this proposed amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead. There are no other speakers that have indicated so I will take this this as your closing perhaps, Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Again I would like to point out to you that the attempt of the Rules Committee was to harmonize the number of votes that it took to bring a constitutional amendment proposed as a bill from a committee once it had been killed,