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feels, if not most new members, and, in fact, some members that have been here part of the time, that they do not have enough participation in the appropriations process or an access to it. As they brought their proposal to the Rules Committee, it was, in fact, a mandatory proposal to the committee structure.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me a second, Senator Morehead, the call is raised.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Now you may proceed. Thank you.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: You mean you are going to let them out before they hear this magnificent speech?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Looks like it.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Oh, gosh. Okay. To continue, the Rules Committee chose to change their original proposal after the hearing because in the hearing it seemed to us that Senators Lynch and Hartnett really intended for it to be more of a permissive type procedure for the committees rather than a mandatory type. I am going to turn this proposal over to Senators Lynch and Hartnett to explain to you their original and then how it has been adapted by the Rules Committee. Senator Lynch...who is leading off? Senator Lynch is going to talk about it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Senator Morehead. Mr. President, members, I guess Paul and I should begin this by quickly explaining that last year was our first year in the Legislature and I think both of us would honestly admit that we were very impressed with the individual and the collective competence of everybody and how this system worked. We were concerned though during the last two or three weeks of the session with the fact that we were voting on bills that apply to money and the budgets and both of us felt, in particular, that we really didn't quite understand everything that we should to be able to vote and understand what we were voting for. We both had served in local jurisdictions in the past, Paul on a school board and me on a county board, and we always understood most things about