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constitutional amendment offered by Senators Lundy, Rupp, Hefner, Pappas, Lamb, Conway, Chronister, and Sieck. (Read explanation of resolution. See pages 222-29 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that's all that I have at this point.

Mr. President, the next proposal with regards to adoption of permanent rules is an amendment offered by Senator Conway.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Conway, but first, may we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, over the last couple days we've been discussing permanent rules. We've had several proposals that started off restricting, possibly restricting the number of bills that senators could introduce, restricting the number of bills possibly that a committee would hear, attempts to not restrict senators or committees but let the Executive Board choose 100 bills and I think that it displays that there is a lot of concern on the part of the body relative to short sessions, the time frame and being able to get some things done. So I am presenting to you, and hopefully you will adopt, something that I think will help a little bit at least. On Rule 3, Section 13, simply to add that for this legislative session that all public hearings on bills and constitutional amendments shall be completed by the thirtieth legislative day. What I believe this will help is in several categories. One, it is going to give the committee chairmen an opportunity to know what kind of time frame they are under. What it will also do is specifically put us in a situation that we know we're going to have 30 legislative days to debate the issues that are before us and we'll have some kind of a support base to know what may be expected of us in terms of the amount of time we're going to spend towards hearings and the amount of time that we're going to spend debating the issues on the floor and having full legislative days. Two years ago in the short session we ended up having only 24 full days at the end of the session to debate the issues at hand and I think, given the concerns of many of the people in the body, I think this would be a fair request to simply guarantee us that we do have 30 days of full legislative activity. We can then pace ourselves accordingly for these first 30 days relative to hearings given against the time frames that we can adjust to. It may