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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Have we received a report from Senator Goodrich's office? If he is not in the building...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, I understand...

SENATOR BEUTLER: If he's not in the building, I'm not holding things up. I just want to be sure that there has been an effort to get (inaudible).

SPEAKER NICHOL: I can just...

SENATOR BEUTLER: The vote is very close.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I just relay what the Sergeant-at-Arms told me while I was on the phone a second ago and that was that some of the lobbyists saw Senator Goodrich leave the building with his hat on. Now, whatever that means.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, even though we're seven or eight people short, let's just proceed.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. We'll leave the call on at the moment since you...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I appreciate it. I will make my remarks very short since we've been over this several times. I keep getting back to the word "voluntary", but I suppose it doesn't do any good to emphasize that anymore. We have put it into the language now. Nothing happens unless everybody agrees that it is going to happen. Nothing is put into a contract. No provision to arbitrate is put into a contract unless all parties volunteer to put that provision in. There is one point I want to go back and clear up and it seems to be continually coming up. And if it's not perfectly clear now, I represent to you that it will be made perfectly clear the first opportunity that we have, but the argument has been made that we have a CIR, we already have the CIR so we don't need this arbitration. And the thought in many people's heads is that somehow we've got to...we're duplicating something here. The point is this. The CIR has