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CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a motion on the desk. Senator Labeledz would move to suspend Rule 1, Section 1(b)(1) and in lieu thereof proceed to the election of a chairperson to the Executive Board by secret ballot on the floor of the Legislature.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, in the past few days, especially before Senator Beutler made his announcement, there was, and I'm sure each and every one of you know, a lot of talk on the floor of the people that were interested in becoming the chairperson of the Executive Board, myself included. In fact, I went so far as to say that I would nominate Senator Rex Haberman as a chairperson of the Executive Board. In the meantime, since there were so many people involved, and so many people willing to put their name up for election of a chairperson of the Exec Board, I talked to Senator Haberman and a few other senators. And it was decided, amongst ourselves, and I told them that I would put this motion up for the consideration of the full body as to whether or not we would now proceed with an election rather than have the vice-chair take over the Exec Board. Now this is no reflection on Senator Marsh whatsoever. I have said publicly she would make an outstanding chairman...chairperson of the Exec Board, and if she so desires in January, I would also be willing to nominate her as a candidate for a chairperson of the Exec Board if she, in turn, will nominate me. But anyway, it was discussed amongst many of us that it would be a touching and very wonderful idea for us to go ahead with this, and this is opening it up to anyone. This is a secret ballot. And if anyone else wants to nominate anyone else, they certainly can do so. I, personally, will nominate Senator Cal Carsten. Cal Carsten, I believe, has been here about 16 years. He's gained the respect and the...and I would say, for myself included with many others, the respect and love of quite a few of us on this floor that have worked with him. I remember when I came here in 1976, I was very frightened and I went to Cal and asked for his advice on many things. He even taught me the procedures and what was going on in the Legislature, how to make and influence friends, and I appreciate all the help that he gave me all of these years. Because what I am doing today is going to