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PRESIDENT: Senator Moylan, on our agenda you have asked to withdraw LB 653.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 653 was introduced at the request of some citizens of the state. However, it was found after it was researched that it is impractical in the first place and unnecessary at this time because the statutes cover all of the points in the bill. So I ask that LB 653, I believe it is, be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? A motion. All right. You have heard the motion. All those in....record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to withdraw, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails. The bill is withdrawn. Senator DeCamp, you have advised the Chair that you have three separate proposed Rule changes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Because of the lateness of the hour, the Chair would suggest that you propose the least controversial first.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay. I tried that yesterday. Let's go with the first one. Page 424, simply gives the Executive Board of this Legislature the authority to hold hearings on any matter relating to its duties and responsibilities within the legislative process. Such hearing may be called by the Chairman of the Executive Board or any of its members. You will remember earlier in the year, there was a big dispute about whether the Executive Board should hold a hearing on the malpractice bills and it was discovered that there was really no authority. Also, there have been other times when they have wanted to hold hearings on something. This would give them the authority under the Rules to do it. That is all I have to say.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I didn't understand. You say this allows the Exec Board to hold hearings on bills.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Hearings within the legislative process and it would be, such hearings may be called by the Chairman of the Executive Board or any of its members. So it is distinct authority to give the Executive Board authority to hold hearings.

SENATOR WARNER: On what?

SENATOR DeCAMP: And the breadth of what they use it for would be up to them. So one of their Committee members could make a motion, I would presume, and say we should hold a hearing looking into this or that or a hearing on