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have them on file. The committee chairpersons to submit to the Clerk a study plan, the reference to his or her committee which was due within the 30 days before the session adjourns is probably self-explanatory. And the introducer of each interim study shall be an ex officio member of the interim study. Obviously, if somebody is interested enough to want a study they should be involved in some way. Sometimes that hasn't happened, and so we expect them to be at least ex officio. Seven copies, again, as I said is necessary. That's a real brief, Senator Schmit, and quick overview, but I did that quickly just to indicate that there was in fact serious concern and study given to this particular proposed change and it seemed to us in our committee, after an awful lot of debate that it made a lot of sense and organized our interim study committee responsibilities much better than they now exist and, in fact, as the rules are applied, make it possible for us to function much more effectively and better.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. Time is up. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to rise in support of the rule change. Maybe I can address... Senator Lynch did a good job I think of answering the specific questions Senator Schmit issued. Maybe, Senator Schmit, as a fellow committee chair I can respond to kind of the tenor of your question when you were asking about is there something in here that is going to hamstring you as a committee chairman. I don't think there is. I serve on the Rules Committee and I think this is a good rules change as an attempt to make some sense out of our interim study process. I know in the past we've had proposals that say that the committee will be limited to a number of studies that it can conduct, limited to one, limited to two, that all of the staff will be coordinated out of the Research Office, an attempt that I thought were, in fact, hamstringing types of proposals. What this one does is I think it is a good compromise maybe between what has been done in the past where everybody has just been kind of free during the interim to do whatever they felt like doing at any given moment versus those more highly structured types of proposals. What it is asking us to do as committee chairs is when a study resolution is proposed to us, referred to our committee, that we basically prioritize it, indicating whether it is one we're going to spend a lot of time on or, frankly, one we may not have time to spend any time on, file that and a very brief report