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CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 93.)
29 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of proposed
amendment number two, as offered by the Rules Committee.

SPEAKER BROMM: The proposal is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next proposal I have is committee
amendment number three. This has to do with, Senator Hudkins,
the caucuses, the Committee on Committees caucuses.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Hudkins to open on rules proposal number
three.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the
body, for those of you who have been here for some time, you
understand why there has been proposed this change. For the new
members, it's because the maps that we had before, the
committees on...the Committee on Committees and the one for the
Executive Board, were not the same. It was very confusing. You
might be on the 3rd District Caucus on one instance, and on 1st
on the other. So what the Rules Committee has tried to do is to
develop a method so that both the Committee on Committees caucus
and the Executive Board caucus could be the same, therefore,
relieving some of the confusion. We have also tried to put
together those caucuses so that there would be a community of
interest, and also a rationale for one member being in one
particular caucus over the other if they happen to live close to
both ones, both caucuses. Since this is Senator Beutler's
proposal, if he would like, he may have the rest of my time to
explain exactly what the rules proposal is.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Beutler,
you have 9 minutes, 50 seconds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hudkins, thank you for the time, and
let me say at the onset that this is not purely my proposal in
the sense that it was what I, individually, wanted at the
beginning. It was an effort to try to put together some ideas
that Senator Baker submitted and others submitted. But Senator
Hudkins has clearly capsulized the problem in the sense that it
does seem to be ideal and most efficient and certainly easy for