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PRESIDENT: All right, the motion is the adoption of the second rule change. Senator Fowler, did you wish to add anything in closing on the second rule change?

SENATOR FOWLER: No, just that it clears up the ambiguity that obviously we have seen.

PRESIDENT: All right. The motion then before the house is the adoption of the second rule change. All in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the proposed rule change, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion adopted. The second rule is thereby adopted. We will move then to proposed rule change #3 on page 3. Any discussion? The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Just to reiterate the explanation. Right now currently there is a limit that only three Senators can sign a bill. We felt that rather than have suspension of the rules when four legislators or six or whatever want to sign a bill, that really this was unnecessary. Every time you sign a bill, whether it is the principal introducer or co-signer counts against your bill limit. So we felt that if people are willing to have it count against their bill limit that really we shouldn't limit the number of signers and this may save a few times when we have had to suspend the rules so that a fourth or fifth person can add their name. That is all that this rule change does. I think it might speed the process.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? All those then in favor of adopting the proposed rule change 3 on page 3 vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the proposed rule change, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The rule #3 is adopted and we will proceed then with proposed rule change #4 on page 4. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: This one doesn't do anything. It is simply an existing rule being switched to a different section. There is some clarifying language added but in no way does that change the substance of it. It just makes it a little more precise, but it is already in the