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that we by rules acknowledge the constitutional provision which was passed by the people of this state.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Marsh amendment to proposed rule change #5? Seeing none, all those in favor of adopting the Marsh amendment to proposed rule #5 vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the Marsh amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and the Marsh amendment is adopted. The proposed rule change as amended, Senator Fowler, is before us. Any further discussion? If not, all those in favor of adopting proposed rule change #5 as amended vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 36 ayes. 0 nays on adoption of proposed rule change.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The proposed rule change #5 is adopted. Next take up proposed rule change #6 found on page 6. Is this the one? Senator Clark, did you want to...? Senator Fowler, did you want to discuss it first before we call upon Senator Clark? Senator Clark wants to...

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. This rule change does something and therefore, you may want to take note on this one. The proposal is for a two-week recess after the introduction of bills to allow time for committees to get organized, chairmen to schedule the bills, notice to be shared across the state, a chance to be given for people then to prepare information and arguments and come and present them. Basically it was felt and Senator Beutler discussed the surveys that were sent out. It was felt by a number of people, particularly in outstate Nebraska or greater Nebraska, I guess I should say, that they did not get adequate notice of committee hearings and that they did not have time to make the plans to come into Lincoln to present testimony. In addition there was a feeling by several legislators that perhaps bills were pushed for hearing too quick and that we had not had ample opportunity to review them. Therefore, it is suggested that we take a recess for the specific function of scheduling the bills, getting the notice out and giving us a chance to look that legislation over and to let citizens have a chance to schedule in an opportunity to come to Lincoln to testify. Now I understand that there is a good deal of concern about this. The two major issues, I would think, is whether it takes effect this session and whether or not two weeks is perhaps too long. I believe options and alternatives and compromises