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same time each January on the same Wednesday of the years that we would begin the new session. Now my feeling is that we are talking about always ending on a Tuesday and then following up with hearings starting the next Monday. Now if we have a problem as we might this year with the bill drafting, we can easily because I think we will all be agreed to it, can suspend the rules and delay that tenth day to a Friday or something to give the bill drafter more time and we can suspend the rules and have no problem because we will have set already the following Monday for hearings and it would be too cumbersome to change that and this is just a way that we cannot go through this two years from now where we are not sure when the hearings can start, we are not sure about the process and that sort of thing. I think we ought to go ahead with this compromise. It seems to make sense. There is no sense, I think, in starting hearings in the middle of the week. If we are going to start hearings, we should run them on a Monday and go through the full week and that is what this change would allow. It is something that I have talked to the Speaker about and he was agreeable to it and other individuals who have met with us concerning some of the rule changes seem to find that this is a more agreeable situation, and I would sure encourage you to support the compromise. I think it is the best way to deal with it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Wesely amendment. All those in favor of the adoption of the Wesely amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 4 nays on the proposed change, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The Wesely amendment is adopted.

SENATOR WESELY: I would like to now move the adoption of that section of the rules. Yes, we are talking about Rule 7, Section 1. I move its adoption. Don't we have to do that with the division of the question?

SPEAKER MARVEL: What do you say, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, my feeling was that we divided the rules into four difference sections and I guess the motion would be to adopt the first of those in the divided question. I think that is in order.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of Rule 7,