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Section 1, as amended. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of amended Rule 7, Section 1, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried. What is the next order of business?

CLERK: The second division.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Excuse me? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I move the adoption of Rule 3, Section 11. Can I go ahead and speak on it, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Right.

SENATOR WESELY: Rule 3, Section 11, deals with the adoption of the committee Procedural Rules. This is a point that I think has been discussed by a number of committee chairmen. Essentially, what this section would allow, it's a new requirement that we adopted during the 1980 Session applicable to the start of this session, each committee will now have to adopt comprehensive committee rules governing committee procedures. These rules will be filed in the Clerk's office. It does not state, that section does not state what rules exactly have to be adopted. They suggest some model committee rules that a committee can adopt, or a committee is free to adopt any rules that they find appropriate. So there is a great deal of flexibility left the committees and the committee chairmen to adopt whatever they feel is most appropriate for the committee, but at least some committee rules would have to be adopted and put on file with the Clerk's office. That is the motion and that is the issue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, again just for background I would point out again that these were adopted by the last Legislature and were to go into effect December 31st of this year and technically are every bit as much our rules as the old permanent rules were. Again just for your information this came from the LR 168 Committee and from the Rules Committee, both of which committees have approved of it, and so it has been through the same elaborate procedure which I won't go to the trouble of repeating. I would say that this is another item where the Nebraska public asked for some