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SENATOR WESELY: Yes, please.

CLERK: Amend Rule 5, Section 5(d) of the blue copy in line 4 by striking the number "ten" and inserting the number "fifteen".

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. This change is the result of discussions with a number of committee Chairpersons who have found that the limitation of ten bills per committee was not enough to deal with the number of problems that they have had brought to them and the requests for legislation that the committee has been asked to introduce. It varies, of course, from committee to committee, but from the experience I have had ten bills is a limitation that may be too restrictive and as an attempt to try and compromise that amendment to raise it to fifteen has been introduced. Let me tell you at this time that there will be those who will try to strike entirely any sort of committee limitation on bill introductions and that will be the alternative to this raising of the limit to fifteen, or then you have the choice of leaving it at ten, but that seems to be the options that you have. The ten per year that we now have, the fifteen which is the amendment before you now and then the option of eliminating totally restrictions on committee bill introductions. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think this is probably the amendment or the change that most people are keenly interested in. I think first of all we have to understand the responsibility and nature and duty of a committee, and I will use the committee I am most familiar with, Banking Committee and Judiciary Committee, for example, as why this is unworkable and why it will create more problems as we march down the legislative road. Okay, the proposal as it exists now is ten. Senator Wesely is suggesting fifteen. That sounds like a big number, but let's look at Banking, Commerce and Insurance. The banking community has banks, savings and loans, credit unions, small loan industry, and so on and so forth. The Banking Department generally brings in anywhere from two to five corrective things, just routine things that have to be done. The banking industry generally has anywhere from two, five, seven different proposals they feel need to be presented to the Legislature. Now, indeed, once they are in committee we may consolidate them. We may end up with one bill upon which there is agreement for four or five