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we debating a proposed rule change that we are going to vote on?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you very much. I wonder if Senator Wesely would answer a question, please. Senator Wesely, if I understand the way the rules are adopted by this body, next year at the start of the session will we not have to adopt the rules again to start or will these rules that we adopt now carry over to the start of the next session?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, essentially, we will have to adopt a whole new set of rules and so, quite frankly, adoption of a rule change today does not necessarily mean that it will be part of the rules at the start of the next session and apply to the next session, because we will have to adopt a new set of rules. However, the Rules Committee has adopted these positions and we wanted to make sure we knew how the body felt so that when we get ready for the rules for next session we would know that you supported or didn't support these rule changes, and that is why they are being brought to you now. We want to know how you feel about them.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I guess I am little bit at a loss to understand what we are doing debating the rules here when the calendar says, one day left in the session. If I remember correctly, last year we spent a...or at the start of this session, the first of this year, about five months ago...it seems like it's been over five months ago, I will have to admit, we spent considerable amount of time debating the rules and the various rule changes that we had also, those of us that were in this body the session before, had agreed to the year before. So other than the fact that we have got not an awful lot to do this...else to do this afternoon, maybe this is a good way to kill a few hours perhaps, or waste a little bit of time. Personally, I think that is exactly what we are doing. I think we are wasting time because we all know that next January when we get ready to adopt the rules, everyone of the debates that we debate this afternoon, everyone of the arguments that are made, as a matter of fact, the votes are going to have to be all repeated all over again. You know, I don't mind plowing the same field more than one time, but I like to have a rain or two in between first. I like to have some reason to do it, and I can't see that there is a whole lot of reason to pass rules today that are

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