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CLERK: 15 ayes, 3 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost.

SENATOR WESELY: Then I will ask for a roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Clerk call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 102 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Legislature is not under Call, therefore we don't accept call ins.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the proposed rules change.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion fails. The next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, item number six offered by the Rules Committee, and it deals with committee statements.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this rule change deals with a problem we have had in the past where a bill is amended on General and Select File extensively, there is no updated summary, however, done by the committee so that you know exactly what is in the bill, weeks later, sometimes months later the bill comes up on Final Reading and you look through the amendments and you try to refresh your memory as to what was in it and what wasn't and it is really sometimes difficult. So it would be helpful in certain circumstances to have an updated summary to quickly be able to know exactly what is in and what isn't in that bill. This would just require that committee chairmen and they would have the discretion after a bill is advanced to E & R for Engrossment, Final Reading that is, they would if significant amendments had been adopted on General and Select File, they would just update their committee statement and try to make sure everybody knows what is in that bill and what was adopted. The Director of Research, Jack Rodgers, and I talked about this and his office is more than willing to help any committee chairman that needs assistance...as a matter of fact, originally the bill was drafted, to have the research office handle it. But we felt it would probably be easier and more efficient to have the committees who handle the bill follow it through and they do that anyway and just update the summary when needed after amendments. I think this would be a very valuable thing to all of us to have and I would certainly ask for your support for this rule change.