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

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All senators will return to your seats. All unauthorized personnel will leave the floor. Will everyone check in, please. Will all senators present check in, please. Senator Cullan, Senator Lamb, Senator Hefner, Senator Lowell Johnson, will you check in please. Senator Kremer, Senator Wesely. Do you want a roll call vote or do you want to accept...? We have two more yet. There is no one excused. Senator Cullan and Senator Wesely. Senator Beutler, do you want to wait for the last two or go ahead? Senator Cullan and Senator Wesely. Senator Beutler, is it all right to proceed? We have only one, Senator Cullan. Senator Beutler, is it all right to proceed for you? We only have one gone now. The Clerk will call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken.) 23 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the proposed amendment to the rules.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. The next, #8. Senator Wesely, go ahead.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, rule change #8 is a suspension of the rules. It would go from 30 to 33 votes in order to suspend the rules. The intent here is trying to recognize that we spend a great deal of time at the start of the session establishing the rules of procedure. We shouldn't easily suspend those and try to write our own rules on the floor. Instead we should follow the procedures we establish in this first few days of this session and afterwards there are many avenues in which you can deal with certain problems and suspending the rules isn't all that necessary. When it is necessary 33 votes is not an unreasonable amount of votes required in order to suspend them. That is the proposal and I urge your adoption of it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I vigorously oppose this change and of course somebody is going to say, "Well, sure you oppose it, DeCamp. You use it. Yes, that is the way you get around things in here." Well, not really. Go back and check how many times I moved to suspend the rules. When I do it I usually try to count pretty carefully and it is usually on a fairly significant issue but the suspension of the rules is used pretty routinely in here for any variety of things, from multitudes of times on the appropriations bills to other things. Now every time you increase the number to suspend the rules, and remember,