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SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on rule 12? If not, the question before the house is the adoption of rule 12. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Rule 12 is adopted. Rule 13.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this rule change was submitted by Senator Warner. It tries to reflect the present process by which fiscal notes and the A bills are processed. It says, fiscal notes are updated at any point an amendment is adopted or when it is advanced in order to reflect the fiscal impact. It also says A bills would have to be introduced whenever there is an appropriation instead of just \$50,000 or more. I've had A bills at \$40,000 and less because that was a pretty major increase in appropriations for an agency. So this would reflect that present policy which we already have and would be reflective of it. I urge your support for the rule change.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I respectfully oppose the rule change and would suggest to you that you might be acting penny-wise and pound-foolish in one respect and in the second respect I'm suggesting that you take this particular rule and mesh it with something else that you might see shortly. Now let's talk about the penny-wise, pound-foolish. I listened to WOW or KFAB or whatever the other day and read the newspaper and they said, well, every bill passed by the Legislature costs something like, I don't know, \$15,000, \$17,000. Now I doubt there is a member of this Legislature that has thrown a bill in there, I don't care what it is, that doesn't have some fiscal impact, negatively or positively. Just the processing of the bill, but routine things, thousand, five hundred dollars, heck, there is some up there for a couple of hundred dollars. Now we're going to have an A bill for all this. We're going to spend tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands for new bills. After always hearing this conversation how we're going to cut the bills, we're going to come up with a quick method of doubling the number, 472A, 596A. Okay, that's the penny-wise, pound-foolish, I think. I think you're just making the legislative process go on forever. But I don't really think that is really why that bill was put in. I think they're willing to accept that extra cost because I think there is a second motive. I suspect that that whether it is by resolution or something else, well I just turn over my