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get the process going as soon as possible. So if any of you have any, why bring them up right now and we will get them read in before we proceed. (Microphone not activated... any more bills, Mr. Clerk, so the Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am going to ask at this time that we pass over rule change number 16 concerning the appropriations process. We have some amendments that are being worked on right now, and consider at this time rule change number 17 which concerns vacancies and then after we finish up with that issue we should have enough time to finish those amendments and be ready to go back to number 16 and finish up the appropriations rule change. I would ask that request of the President.

PRESIDENT: All right, no objection. We will proceed then, Senator Wesely, with rule number 17 while number 16 the amendments are being prepared.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Proceed, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, rule change number 17 and again if you don't have copies of the rule change proposals, I have some extra ones here. You can come by and pick those up. Number 17 deals with the question of vacancies. This rule change was submitted by Senator Marsh and amended by the Rules Committee. It deals with a number of circumstances which we don't have any procedures for in the rules at the present time. As you recall, this last interim period there were a couple of resignations. Those resignations left a number of openings in certain committees. The question has come down not only this last interim but previous interims as to who is responsible for filling vacancies during interim periods. For a long time the Committee on Committees held that responsibility. During the last few years the Executive Board has assumed that responsibility and the question was, there is nothing in the rules to determine which is in fact responsible. So.....(Malfunction of recording equipment. Lost floor debate on Rule 17.)

PRESIDENT: Okay, now we will proceed now. We are back.... we are meditating on that matter which was before you, Senator Nichol. Senator Wesely, we have stopped meditating now, so you go ahead. We are ready for action.