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SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the amendment to the rule change before you was worked on by Senator Lamb, Senator Warner and myself with discussion with Senator DeCamp. We tried to arrive at a compromise which dealt with a concern Senator Lamb had about getting the matters up and considered early rather than waiting until the last few days. Senator Warner was sympathetic to that concern and cooperated in terms of how best to handle it and that is the rule amendment that is before you. Now let me tell you through an example of this session of how this rule change will work and how it will operate this session. First off, we are going to get the budget by January 15th, that is in the statutes. We will actually get the budget this next Monday but we have to have the budget by January 15th. So that will be....I suppose that is about the 7th or 8th legislative day we will have the budget presented, at least by that time. And then the 15th to 20th legislative day the Appropriations is to submit a report based on that budget, based on revenue projections on what they think the needs of the state are and what revenue expectations are under the present tax rates and will present this report so we know early on where we are at as far as the appropriations go. That will be about 15 to 20 legislative days after the budget is submitted. Okay, the budget is in by January 15. Fifteen to twenty legislative days after that we consider the Appropriations Committee report and then three days after that report is issued we have to consider the resolution