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committees every two years, we elect a Speaker every two years, that we can adopt the rules just every two years and, of course, if they have to be amended, there is a procedure through which the rules can be amended during the session. So it seems to me we have spent well over a day here unnecessarily debating rules that should be handled at the beginning of the first session, every two years, and that is what T am proposing here. I think Senator Beutler and Senator Wesely do have an amendment which would clarify the language which would...I would agree to the amendment which they are talking about.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, if I could ask Senator Lamb, is this your proposal? Is this your proposal? Can I ask you a question in regards to it?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, will you respond?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: In regards to the proposal that every two years we adopt the rules, are you suggesting by that that we adopt them, formally adopt them and not make any changes throughout the jear? Or what are we talking about exactly, Senator Lamb?

SENATOR LAMB: What I am saying is that we adopt the rules at the beginning of the 90 day session and those automatically carry over to the 60 day session, but we do have procedures where you can amend a rule as we go along any time, but those rules are in effect for the two year period unless otherwise amended.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, thank you. Mr. President, I think we can do that in the form of a motion. I don't know exactly how the motions are proposed today but you can propose a motion for the 88th Legislature, or the 89th Legislature, the 90th Legislature, and then the rules are adopted for both terms. If you do it...if your original motion says adopt the rules for the 88th Legislature First Session, then, in fact, you only adopt them for the first session. You have to readopt them for the second session. Now I have to ask a couple of other questions in regards to this because several things have immediately come to mind by putting this in the rules is, what do we do with special sessions? Senator Lamb, would you like to deal with that for a moment? Do we adopt special rules for special sessions as we did last time, or will this basically since it is a special session