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PRESIDENT: We have no rules.

SENATOR KOCH: We are not under Robert's Rules of Order?

PRESIDENT: No, we're just...the rule of the presiding officer right now until we get the rules adopted. The rule is twenty-five votes can do anything at this point.

SENATOR KOCH: But we are not operating under any rules...?

PRESIDENT: No, not until we adopt them which is the next matter before the House.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Warner says at least we are operating under the rules of precedent. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT: Under what?

SENATOR KOCH: The rules of precedent.

PRESIDENT: I presume that would be correct.

SENATOR KOCH: Would we get in trouble then if we go to Robert's Rules?

PRESIDENT: No, we don't follow Robert's Rules. We follow Mason anyway so...Mason is the official legislative rules.

SENATOR KOCH: Are we under Mason's rules?

PRESIDENT: Well, but we don't even go by Mason because we don't have that adopted either so...

SENATOR KOCH: Let's try Jefferson's rules.

PRESIDENT: Well right now it is just the presiding officer's rules so let's just proceed.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Okay, let's get some rules adopted so we can't have this argument. Senator Wesely, are you prepared to move...?

SENATOR WESELY: The pending motion is to adopt the rules as amended at this point and if I could have just two minutes I think I could...

PRESIDENT: All right, you may have two minutes.

SENATOR WESELY: We have amended now in a number of ways