

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Haberman amendment to LB 189. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Haberman's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Abboud would move to amend the bill. (Abboud amendment appears on page 372 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, what I'm offering I hope will be viewed as a strictly technical and clarifying amendment as to committee structures. It's probably an amendment that should have been taken up on the very first day and in light of the comments we've heard this morning as how we want to make the committee system a better system. Equity arguments have been made that what is right is right and what is wrong is wrong and this is clearly right to have the entire legislative body make a decision on the membership, that I feel that this is probably one of those good amendments that should be attached to this bill. Now what it provides for is that the...I'm sure it was merely an oversight on the part of the Rules Committee that when they were looking at committees to make more fair in its representation, that they overlooked their own committee. And what I am attempting to do here today is to correct that mistake that was overlooked by the Rules Committee, by making the membership to be chosen by the entire legislative body instead of having it chosen by the Executive Board. In addition, I'm going to go beyond that and make another committee more fair as well by providing for the Committee on Building and Maintenance to be chosen by the entire membership. In addition, the chairman of that particular committee, the committee that deals with the building and maintenance, should also be chosen by the entire body and should not be chosen by the Executive Board. And by doing this, I hope to make our system even better, and I think that by having this type of system where everyone makes the decisions, maybe it will make everyone happy. Now, I know there has been some discussion about whether there is politics involved in the change and I think it probably