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SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, it's not too often the Rules Committee comes to the body with a recommendation. This seems to be a reasonable recommendation. We had a public hearing. At that hearing, the recommendation was unanimously recommended to the body and it's simple. It just recommends that any member...it's a change to propose to amend Rule 5, Section 4(a), and it says, "Any member may request to have his or her name added as co-introducer of a bill but only if the principal introducer has concurred in writing to that request." In other words, simply asking having your name added by unanimous consent with this rule change would provide that the original introducer would have to have his approval or her approval in writing to the floor to concur with that request. And it was our recommendation that this was a reasonable and, in fact, a worthwhile rule change and we recommend its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, I also rise to support the proposed rule change. One thing that Senator Lynch didn't mention as far as the semantics of it so people understand it is basically my understanding, at least, that the way this would work, as you are all aware, presently, there is a form you fill out when you add your name to a bill. Quite simply, that form would be changed, you would have to have your signature and the signature of the principal introducer. And I think that only makes sense so you know exactly so I think most times we all go to the other introducer and say, is it all right if I do this? Well, now, obviously, with the form being changed you will have to do that and I think it would be a wise move to just simply change that form like that and we can do that with this rule change. We will do that as a result of this rule change and I think it would be a wise change.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. I just have a question that perhaps Senator Moore or Senator Lynch, either one, could answer for me.

PRESIDENT: Which one would you like?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Moore, would you answer for me?

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, would you respond, please.