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SENATOR MOORE: Yes, just briefly to assist Senator Lynch in describing this potential rule change. You know, the original rule that came in to be discussed was to...if you look at Rule 4, was to do away with the total submission of applying to the Clerk of the Legislature on interim study. And for a variety of reasons we thought it was good that we keep that hammer there to encourage committee chairmen to submit a plan. The fact of the matter is there are some committees that may have 17, 20, 25 interim studies submitted to them, and after the first three or four, somebody puts some thought into submitting a plan, after that point they go through the motions of submitting a very skeleton plan. And where we thought it was good that some up front thought given in the first thirty days after adjournment was going to go into interim study, we thought it was wrong to totally throw out that whole idea of submitting a plan and so we kind of compromised on this just simply including and adding the words "highest prioritized" interim studies. So the ones you're really going to do something about, you submit a plan and so the public at large can go to the Clerk's office and kind of get an idea what it is that committees plan to do with that interim study process. So I think it's...as Senator Lynch said, it was basically unanimously adopted in committee with the proposal that we compromised on and I would simply urge its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch...Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, can I ask Senator Lynch a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR HARTNETT: As I read that from Senator Moore's explanation, that simply means on one use the highest? Or say you have, if you go back to what Senator Moore said that you had, say, 20, you would do the...you would only do one plan or would you do...you say, well, we're going to look at five out of the 20, then you would present a plan on five? I'm getting an affirmative shake from Senator...maybe Senator Moore wants to answer it. Maybe it was his proposal. I don't care.

SENATOR LYNCH: Either one of us. Go ahead, Scotty.

SENATOR MOORE: (Microphone not activated) ...up to discretion.