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is the adoption of number 5. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendment number 5.

PRESIDENT: Amendment number 5 is adopted. Number 6, please, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Just a moment, please. Mr. President, and members, rule number six has to do with the deleting of certain obsolete language. Since the 1970s, there has been some language that said, in effect, the Clerk of the Legislature shall make a detailed and itemized report to the Legislature each month concerning the number of employees and the amount paid for their services, especially setting out the amount of regular time and overtime, etcetera. With the development in the state of our Human Resources Department and the individual responsibilities we have in our own offices, and the agencies have in their own responsibilities for staff, this is really no longer necessary. It hasn't been done since 1970, by the way, or so. So I would move that you support the Rules Committee recommendation which voted unanimously on this to delete this language, obsolete language, from the rules.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of number 6 amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of amendment number 6.

PRESIDENT: Number six is adopted. Number seven, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, this rule identified as rule number seven has been recommended to the body by the Rules Committee. It concerns something that Senator Korshoj raised as an issue last year that has to do with the fact that when there is a motion to cease debate, under the present rules, it now provides that we must have 25 votes on all occasions. Senator Korshoj and others were concerned that too often we had to have a call of the house to even get a vote on a ceasing debate motion. So what this rule change simply does is that where six or more people disagree with ceasing debate, there must be a 25 vote, must be an indication by at