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PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Chambers amendment to committee amendment number 7.

PRESIDENT: The Chambers amendment is adopted. Now we are back to the committee amendment, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: I move the rule change as amended, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Chambers, on the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I said about all that I had to say on this, and now I hope you will vote to reject this rule as amended. It is not suitable for our legislative processes, and I hope that you will vote it down.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of number seven. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendment number 7.

PRESIDENT: Amendment 7 is not adopted. Move on to number 8, please. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, and members, Rule number 8 has to do with germaneness. What this simply does is to clarify. I think Senator Hall and a number of others in the body have for years, and others, been concerned with how we interpret the germaneness rule. We think what we recommend here will help clarify that, make it easier for those who have to make the decisions regarding germaneness in the future easier and fair, and at the same time clarify the rules. If you will look on page 8, you will see that we add an "or" and take out "and" to add some flexibility for those who make the decision, and then strike that language that we feel was redundant and unnecessary as it applies to the reasons for the germaneness ruling. I move for the adoption of this.