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lights on regarding the amendment?

PRESIDENT: No, that's right.

SENATOR LYNCH: Would this be in the form of a closing then?

PRESIDENT: Yes, I assume so, since no other lights are on.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay, first of all in closing, Mr. President, members, I have a copy of the original recommendation by Senator Hall, and unfortunately you don't have it. But it is, in fact, completely different from what we're discussing here today. Just so you understand the difference. Secondly, what we tried to do, remember, I didn't use any other word except flexible. I didn't say liberal. You know you can develop more flexibility and make things work better without making them liberal or in fact conservative for that matter. I think what some of us tried to do, and by the way everything we recommend as a Rules Committee to the body isn't necessarily our idea, but they are suggestions that come from the floor. So we try to interpret those recommendations and concerns into rules changes, and that's what we're discussing here today. But what we tried to do in this particular case was simply put into laymen's language what some of us can't understand as it applies to germaneness. To be completely frank, in my opinion at least, and one of the reasons I support the amendment as it has been provided to you is that it takes a very liberal, very liberal rule on germaneness that can be interpreted a million different ways, and makes it more understandable. You know we passed laws saying that when you buy an insurance policy you have to have laymen's language involved in it. I sure hope we don't get into that with the rules because we'll probably have to throw them all out. But at least in this case with germaneness maybe it will help us better understand. You know when you define, and Senator Chambers mentioned we shouldn't necessarily define what we don't intend to do, and he's absolutely right, absolutely right. That's what the stricken language simply does. But if you look at that stricken language it says a nongermane amendment includes, one, that relates...if Senator Pirsch was here because she suggested we have to leave this in because...well, there she is, I can ask you the question then, Carol. What else would...I'll do that right now, but don't take too long. Well, don't take the time, I'm in closing. I just better not give you the chance to waste...lose all my time. What else do we mean when we use the word include? That could