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because it's easier obviously to have your vetoes sustained, if the Legislature has gone home, than to have the Legislature around and able to override. So governors take advantage of that situation. We should not allow the legislative branch to be taken advantage of. We should maintain our prerogative and allow ourselves a right to override. And I think that's a fundamental right that any legislature should protect. So, with this rule change, we would do that. We would also provide for a suspension of this five-day waiting period and if, for instance, the Speaker was able to negotiate with the Governor and we were able to get back the bills for sure, ironclad agreement, after a three-day break, as we're looking at this session, we could suspend this and go ahead and meet, only after three days after the second to the last day. That would be allowable. But at least we'd start from the point that one way or the other we will maintain our right to override, and I think that's important for any Legislature. And I think, frankly, our Legislature has been pretty easygoing on some things. We, I think, spend the time working through bills, passing budgets, and see them end up going over to the Governor's office and then not maintain for us the right to consider vetoes is a little too easy, I think. I think we have to understand that if we've gone through the process of hearings and consideration, three stages of debate, and decided that something is good policy, and then not allow ourselves to consider, even consider a veto override, I think we're really holding ourselves short, and the Legislature deserves better than that. So I'm asking for your support for this rule change. I think it will help us toward the end of the session and maintain the rights that I think we have to consider all legislation that we've passed.

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I have discussed, very briefly, this suggested change with Senator Wesely. And I think we know where each other is coming from. As I looked at the agenda that was forwarded to each of you, under the proposed change we would then recess...Senator Wesely, follow through with me on this and see if you agree, we would recess on the 59th day, and then we would count five days, excluding Sunday, and come back then on the...probably the 12th for the final day. Correct? Okay. Five days, exclusive of Sunday. I suggested to Senator Wesely earlier that we have