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SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President, I so move the adoption of the permanent rules as recently discussed and amended.

PRESIDENT MOUL: This is debatable. Senator Warner will be recognized next, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Haberman. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, a question of the Chair I guess. This morning when we...am I correct if I understand that we adopted a major change with 25 votes and we are now in the position that 30 votes would be required for its permanent adoption? I was curious that we could...I was in the Chair at the time but I was curious that we could amend with 25 and adopt with 30, and my specific question is, is there an opportunity for a division of the question at this time in adoption of the permanent rules?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, the ruling is that it takes 25 votes to adopt the permanent rules. Does that answer your question?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Chambers is next to speak, followed by Senator Haberman and Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair, members of the Legislature, the straitjacket which you feel you've put on me does chafe a bit and it feels somewhat uncomfortable but I have to tell you something about what Senator Beutler indicated earlier. I can find a way to say what I want to say. The rest of you are the ones who are going to have the problem, and as has happened in the past, some who have supported these kind of things, and you know who you are, have come to me to ask how can I do something around this rule? What can I do? And I help, but not this year. We are making our beds and we will lie in them. But what the senators who are new will find out is that really I am a cupcake and a pushover. I will see that expression, as they call it, the deer in the headlights look on somebody's face, I will soften, and I will give assistance. But that shouldn't be the case. If you are for blocking discussion, you should be prepared to accept that when it comes your way and you are not going to be able to find a way under the rules or your knowledge of the rules to accomplish what it is that you are after. Senator Beutler won't have a problem. I won't have a problem.