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amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch would move to amend the committee amendments. It's on page 658 of the Journal. (See AM2629.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, since this bill deals with the duties of the Executive Board, some of us thought that it might be important to share with you again the only other...how we can resolve the complicated issue of how the only other nine-person committee in the Legislature is selected. This legislation appropriately deals with redefining what legislative districts constitute, in fact, the three congressional districts. And what this bill provides is for the Executive Board to select the membership of the Appropriations Committee with three members from each of those three Executive Board districts. The Executive Board is the only other nine-person committee, other than the Appropriations Committee, and it's membership is selected from three caucuses. The selection process for the remaining committees would not be altered. Just as the body chose four committee caucuses for the Committee on Committees based upon their predominantly eight-member committee structure, it is appropriate that the only other nine-person committee, the Appropriations Committee, be chosen from a caucus system that, in fact, is evenly divided and is used to appoint the only other nine-person caucus. At the present time in District 1, there are five people on the Appropriations Committee. There are two from the Congressional District Number 2, and two from the Congressional District 3. We thought this would give us an opportunity to visit this issue and share with you again some of our concerns about the system and how it should apply on these important committees, and we would ask for your support.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Discussion of the Lynch amendment to the committee amendment. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the amendment, but I want to explain the basis of it. Historically, the laws that cover the Legislative Council, which you will recall is the Legislature as a whole, but it's also the arm that has been established, since 1937, to exist when the Legislature is not in session, and the only laws we've