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vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Lynch, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. What Senator Beutler suggested could be accomplished as he said, however, obviously as a substantive change, because it would, in fact, require that we set up another special consideration for caucus purposes for the development of committee responsibilities. Like to simply suggest that our amendment provides the exact procedure for the Executive Board for the appointment of people to the Appropriations Committee, just as the Committee on Committees has, the four committees for appointments to all other committees. So was written that way to make sure there was some clarification regarding that. I would also like to point out that Rule 3, Section 2(b) suggests that Committee on Committees, by a majority vote of all its members, shall recommend to the Legislature, for its approval, appointments to the Standing/Select Committees. Impression was left by Senator Warner that we got a problem with this. It was never raised before as an issue. If it was, it should have been and we should have talked about a rule change in that regard. This is something I think that deserves our consideration now. If it's not accomplished now it would be 1995 before any kind of change takes place. The recommendation for changes by Senator Beutler, of course, can be and should be addressed next year. Was not the intention of the committee to affect or offend the four committee caucuses and I hope you all understand that. I want to thank Senator Beutler and Senator Rogers and Senator Robinson for giving us the chance to debate it on the floor by voting it out of committee, and I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Withem.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, thank you, Senator Lynch, for granting me some of this closing time. I just wanted to clarify the point, frankly, you've already clarified and that is I know both Senators Warner and Senator Wesely brought up a concern with the language in this rules change as it is drafted. Senator Wesely, Senator Warner, it is