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order, starting in the middle of the alphabet and then going forwards or backwards, or whatever. And I think that it behooves us to clarify the fact that we either call the roll in alphabetical order or in reverse alphabetical order, at the request of a member, unless the introducer objects to that. The introducer, under this, this would be a slight departure from our custom, but the introducer would be given the option of objecting to a reverse...a request for calling the roll in reverse alphabetical order under this rule change. And I guess simply clarifying...make clear for whoever is in the Chair exactly how the roll is called when we do have a roll call vote. I would ask for your support.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Will a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Will, is it your intention that when the roll is called, and you say in alphabetical order, you mean beginning with the first senator at the top of the board?

SENATOR WILL: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The amendment doesn't really say that, it simply says in alphabetical order. So if somebody said, I would like the roll started with Chambers, then you would take it in alphabetical order from that point, meaning you can't jump back around and forth from there. So I think something ought to be put in the rule, since you're at a point where you're trying to make it crystal clear, and to avoid the kind of thing that I'm mentioning now, that there should be some indication that by in alphabetical order you mean beginning with the first senators name on the roll, or something to that effect. Maybe you don't want to do it, but the way you have it here is not really saying anything different from what already exists, and although the Chair would probably rule it out of order if we had the current Lieutenant Governor in the Chair, somebody else more sympathetic to a literal reading of the rules would allow the very thing that I'm talking, where we would not start with the first senator named on the board, but any senator, and from that