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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Any further discussion on proposed rule change number seven? Seeing none, Senator Will, do you wish to close? Excuse me, the amendment to amendments number seven. Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before the body, to make it clear, is the adoption of the amendment to proposed rule change number seven to the permanent rules. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment to amendment seven is adopted. We return now to a discussion of amendment seven. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. There may be a need to adopt a technical amendment to this, to make sure that we have correctly drafted this to make sure that the intent is to have five voting members of the committee, plus the Speaker. I need to check on the exact drafting of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment. But for now I think we should adopt this proposed rule change, and I will have my staff examine it as the morning progresses. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. The...Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'm sorry, was that closing by Senator Will?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It was not.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Will, just a question for clarification. The Clerk, Senator Withem and I were discussing, back here, and I suspect probably what we need to do, and I don't know if it's by intent, we probably need to make a small amendment on it. The way it stands now the committee still stays the same at five, and the original intent was just simply to have the Speaker as an ex officio member. However, when we look at what we've done with the Exec Board, in the past, the Exec Board, who also includes the Chairman of the Appropriations and others as an ex officio member, but we still count that person as a part of the number on the committee. So the amendment, I think, that might be appropriate would be simply to, at this point, to make the number of members of the...on the