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Rules Committee six, which shall include the Speaker of the Legislature as an ex officio member. And I wanted to run that by you to see if you concur with that, and if so I'll run that amendment up at this point to make it so we're clear. I would not want to be in a position where the interpretation of the rule is there's only five, of the five that includes the Speaker as an ex officio, so somebody has to be kicked off the committee. That is not the intent, I want to make sure we're very clear on that.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, and I agree completely. What the intent, as I understand it, is to have five voting members of the committee, plus the Speaker as an ex officio member. And if we can draft that amendment and get it adopted at this point, that would be fine as far as I'm concerned.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. We have an amendment by Senator Withem. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, rather quickly, as long as we're on this right now it seems to be a fairly simple change just to correct the problem that may have been created by the Bernard-Stevens amendment. What this amendment would do, it would reinsert, back in the original amendment, the number six in both places. Rules Committee would have six members and the Speaker of the Legislature shall serve as one of the six members in an ex officio capacity, or words to that effect. So we're clear that there will continue to be five voting members, the Speaker is not bumping any of those, this will be an additional ex officio position. So that's what this amendment does. And because we're on this issue, I thought it might be better to just go ahead and correct it at this point rather than having to come back to it later, that's what my amendment does.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Any discussion of the Withem amendment to amendment seven? Seeing none, Senator Withem, do you wish to close?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, we're just having some discussion as to whether the Bernard-Stevens amendment actually created a problem. And I...Senator Bernard-Stevens certainly would not intentionally create a problem, I know, on the floor of this Legislature, but it may have inadvertently happened. So I apologize for any offense that may have been taken by that