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Mr. President, hearing notices, Madam President, excuse me, hearing notices from Revenue Committee, Education Committee, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and from the Natural Resources Committee. And an announcement, Senator Wickersham would like to have the Retirement Systems Committee meet at 11 o'clock on the south side underneath the south balcony. Retirement Systems Committee underneath the south balcony. Madam President, that's all that I have. The next rules change pending is by the Rules Committee. Senator, I now have what is referred to as item number ten.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, proposed rules change number ten is an attempt to clarify a situation that has arisen on occasion on the floor of the Legislature and has been interpreted in varying ways by the Chair. I believe that the committee's recommendation is the way that it has been interpreted most often by the Chair. It is...what proposed rules change number ten deals with is the situation when we reach the point of cloture and at the time that we reach it we are considering an amendment that has been divided. The question then has arisen as to whether the vote that is taken at the point that cloture is decided upon, assuming we do that, whether the vote that is taken is on the divided portion of the amendment under consideration or on the amendment in its entirety, all the divided parts whether or not they have been discussed or not. As I indicated, the Chair, depending who is there, what day it was, has ruled in different ways on this. This would simply add a sentence to the section of the rules dealing with cloture that would state that if the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be only on the divided portion of the amendment being considered. So if there is an amendment that has been divided for example into eight different parts, the first three have been adopted, you're on part number four at the time that cloture is reached and voted upon, then the vote at that point would be only on part number four of that amendment and parts five through eight would not be adopted as they had not been discussed and considered independently. As I've said, the Chair from time to time has ruled that the vote is taken on the entire amendment. This would clarify in the rules that the vote would be only on the