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that that have been adopted. That proposal, which is found in the Journal, is now pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Chair would ask Senator Bromm if he would take a couple of minutes just to bring us up to date on where we are, what's pending, get the body back to...back up to speed, please.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we ended yesterday, we were still debating rule change number 15 which is the matter of dilatory motions. And it was my understanding, upon arrival this morning, that there was at least one amendment to that pending matter. It would be my hope that when we finish that up that perhaps we could go back and pick up number 10 which we have some pending matters on and which is the cloture rule, and from there on I'm not sure what's pending with the Clerk. But I would hope we could proceed along those lines if it's okay with the Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It certainly is okay with the Speaker. So, Mr. Clerk, what do we have pending at the moment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maurstad would move to amend the proposal as offered by Senators Beutler and Bromm. (The Maurstad amendment appears on page 328 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Chair recognizes Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise, obviously, with some measure of trepidation, being a new member of the Legislature, and also getting involved in the rules process where one might take the opinion of what could a new member of the Legislature know about our rules. First of all, what I would like to do is propose to strike the current language in rule or in change 15 and substitute it with the following language, which I will read and then I believe will be handed out to the body. I move to amend proposed rule change number 15 by substituting the following. Amend Rule 7, Sec. 3, by adding subparagraph (b), "A motion is in order when it is presented at an appropriate time, violates no rule and is not clearly dilatory. Any regular parliamentary motion, when improperly used for the purpose of delaying or obstructing business, is a dilatory motion. The Legislature should be protected against dilatory or frivolous motions by the Speaker's