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want me to have this tool by which I can strike back when I am struck. I want you all to know that when you see me stand on this floor I will be as accommodating and agreeable as I am allowed to be under the circumstances that confront us at a given time, but I want you all to know that I'm not a Clarence Thomas. I will never sell out my race. I will never forget what my race is or let anybody else forget it. I will not conduct myself in a way that black people refer to as being an Uncle Tom, which means that you do all kind of demeaning, degrading things just to get along with white people. None of that will I do. But in avoiding that, it doesn't mean that I cannot be cooperative. I have been that this session already. But we are going to reach a point where there is going to be anger, there will be challenges heard, and I want you all to know that when they come my way, I am going to respond in kind, and I am telling you that consent calendar is going to be one of my initial primary targets. I have some others but you never expose every card that you have in your hand, I understand. I don't play cards, Senator Hillman, but I hear a lot of allusions to playing cards. So I am not going to tell you all the cards in my hand. Some games, I understand, you put cards on the table face up, well, I am putting this one face up. This is my consent calendar card. I am laying it down. I am going to ask that we have a roll call vote so that this can be dispatched as quickly as possible, and everybody will be on record so that when I make my play, Senator Hillman, when I make my play.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Again, the house is under call. Will all senators please return to their seats and all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Wesely. We are waiting for Senator Wesely. There has been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See Page 377 of the Legislative Journal.) 2 ayes, 34 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chambers amendment fails. I raise the call. Is there anything further on the rules amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the motion to adopt permanent rules at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Okay, the motion before the body now is the motion to adopt permanent rules. It is debatable, Senator Chambers.