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that comes from the Rules Committee says that it's amended by the Rules Committee, what they left off was another item I thought was a good idea but I'm not offended that they left it off. So that you know what was left off, it was a proposal that dealt with amendments to bills on consent calendars. But be that as it may, the Rules Committee, I think, dealt fairly with the issue and I'm happy that they've advanced proposed rule number four to you for your consideration. And again, it simply conforms our process so that if you bring an amendment on the floor that is substantially the same as a bill killed in committee it would take 30 votes to attach it. It would also take you 30 votes to bring the bill from the committee.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, and especially you, Senator Wickersham, I hope you'll overlook the fact that in trying to deal with some of these that came before your amendment I haven't had a chance to thoroughly inform myself on this one with reference to the breadth of its scope. So I'm going to ask you a question or two. Are you there?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Does this apply only to a bill killed in committee?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: It says indefinitely postponed. If it was indefinitely postponed on the floor then it would also be applicable.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Will...excuse me, senat...no, no, I'm going to ask Senator Wickersham still. On General File you're aware that a bill can be killed with fewer than 25 votes. In fact, if for some reason we got down to the time that people are going to lunch and there are 12 people here, 7 could kill the bill if 7 voted to kill it. Are you aware of that?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in that case you still think it should take 30 votes to add that as an amendment to a bill?