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that we had. And I'm reminded of what happens in Revenue Committee in which Senator Wickersham and I both serve, and we'll have a whole lot of bills on a subject matter area and on occasion we will lump them into one bill and kill the remainder. For those of you who've never been part of the process, it's kind of like this: Warner's up at the front of the room and he says...and there's a motion to make these and he says, well, I will put 102 and 111 and 114 into the bill, is there a motion on that (inaudible)... Then we vote and we all vote and we put them in there and then he says, and I would entertain a motion to kill the remaining bills that have been so moved, all of which we very clearly hear. And as one of the minions of the committee, I make the motion we kill those five bills and we stick them in that one bill and it comes to the floor. If that committee action comes to the floor under the way the amendment was written, it sounded as, to me when I looked at the language, that we would have to adopt that committee amendment with 30 votes. But with the amendment that Senator Withem, rather, has made to the, to this measure, we now clearly are allowed the 25 vote majority, 25 vote committee amendment adoption number, which would be, I think, appropriate. Actually the bill's here and it's not, the bill was not killed it was simply moved by the committee, I think that's a different subject than what Senator Wickersham's after. I support the Withem amendment and urge its adoption.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem, there's still some time, are you finished, you and Senator Landis? Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're...did you wish to speak on the Withem amendment?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Oh, you know me, Senator Crosby, it doesn't make any difference what amendment, I'll still speak on it, that's all right. Actually I support Senator Withem's amendment, but I would still oppose the basic rule change in itself, but the amendment certainly does clear up what the committees can do if they kill a bill simply because it's going to be a part of a committee amendment. I think back at the Judiciary Committee last year, which I was not a part of, but my understanding was that in many cases, and I think it's not only Judiciary Committee, I think it's other committees as well. You have eight people or sometimes seven on a committee, most of the time you have eight, and sometimes there's four people that just