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if you, if your determination was to kill this bill, then we're going to respect that to the point that we're going to require 30 votes in order to adopt it as an amendment to another measure. If, on the other hand, you accept Senator Bernard-Stevens' argument, and by the way, I'm very, very much tempted by his argument, and that is that the Legislature, as a whole, should be able to act with the majority of the elected members to address any given issue, regardless of whether that issue has already been dealt with by a, by a committee. So that's, that's the framework within which to analyze the Wickersham proposal and I would urge you to, to do that carefully when deciding on which way to vote. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Wickersham, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I'll be brief and simply say that I support Senator Withem's amendment to the proposed rule. I am not certain of the circumstances under which it might come into play, but that's not a problem. I think it works well within the structure the rule is proposed. The reason I think it's a little bit problematical as to its application, I think Senator Landis gave the example where you combine two or three different bills and that becomes a committee amendment. I think you'd have trouble saying that that's substantially the same as any one of the individual bills that might have been combined. There might be an argument made if the committee amendment is divided, you might then begin to have that issue, so I'm not, I'm not, certainly not uncomfortable with the proposed amendment to the rule and will support it. I think it removes any potential area of doubt and for that it's a valuable addition.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers. You don't want to speak on this amendment? Any further discussion on the Withem amendment? Seeing none, would you like to close, Senator Withem? Senator close... Senator Withem waives closing on his amendment. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment to the Wickersham rule change. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President. on the adoption of Senator Withem's amendment to the Rules Committee amendment.