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strength that we want to give the standing committee system. Now, if we have a rule that says a committee kills a bill and it takes 30 votes to bring it to the floor, isn't that a judgment that we have made in past years and time and time again as the rules were adopted that if a committee, that we do repose some trust and confidence in that committee and it should be more difficult to bring to the full body a matter that has been killed, a bill that has been killed in the committee. Except for the giant loophole that if you just bring it as an amendment and ignore the fact that you don't want to bring it up for General File or Select File, that's too much trouble, thank you, you'll wait, perhaps, until Select File, maybe you'll wait until Final Reading and then attempt to bring what is in effect the bill out and amend it in then and circumvent the committee process, fine. But if that's the judgment that we're making, we ought to instead of the rule that I'm proposing, we ought to simply eliminate the rule that says that if it's killed in the committee that it takes 30 votes to bring it up on the floor for discussion. The rule that I'm proposing is simply a mirror and a closing of the rule...or closing of a loophole in the rules now, nothing more, nothing less. And if Senator Chambers or others have had their favorite bill killed in the committee, that's the process. That's the winnowing of the chaff from the grain, if you will. And if you want to be more careful about who's on the committee, and if you want to be more careful about how many votes you line up in committee, then you ought to be encouraged to do that. I'm perfectly willing to strengthen the committee structure in the manner that the proposed rule does.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Lawyer Wickersham a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wickersham, am I to understand you to say that this applies only to a bill killed in committee?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that's what you spent all that time discussing in saying you're in favor of strengthening the