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question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Members outside the Chamber, please return, record your presence. Unauthorized parties leave the floor. Members, please return to your desk and record your presence. The house is under call. Senator Bromm, Senator Maurstad, Senator Pirsch, Senator Schellpeper, Senator Elmer, Senator Wesely, and Senator Witek. The house is under call. We are preparing to vote on the Chambers amendment to the Wickersham rule change. Senator Pirsch, Senator Wesely, Senator Elmer. Senator Chambers, all members are present. How would you like to proceed? Call the roll, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 341 of the Legislative Journal.) 11 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is not adopted. We're back to consideration of the amendment. Any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Wickersham, you are.... Another amendment. I'm sorry. Another amendment, too. The call is raised. Senator Beutler, excuse me. I was not aware there was another amendment to the Wickersham amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. (Chambers amendment to the Rules can be found on page 341 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have an amendment here which I drafted based on the discussion that we had about Senator Wickersham's proposal. Senator Wickersham spent a great amount of time saying that if a bill is killed in committee, you should not be able to circumvent what the committee did by offering that same bill or substantially the same bill as an amendment which could be adopted by 25 votes, whereas it takes 30 to pull a bill from committee if it had been killed. So he wants his amendment to follow that practice. I want Senator Wickersham's amendment to tell the truth. I want Senator Wickersham's amendment to vindicate what Senator Vrtiska said in his naivete. And if you reject what I'm offering it means nothing to me. I will really have won because I will have shown that based on the way I present an idea to you