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will indeed result. I hope that there will not be enough votes to add Senator Wickersham's proposal to the permanent rules.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you Senator Chambers. Senator Will to close.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I would give my time to Senator Wickersham.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you Madam President, members of the body, I'll try to brief, we have had an extended discussion of the amendment, Senator Chambers has pointed out through the course of several amendments what he thought the hazards were. I think that those hazards are not nearly as great as Senator Chambers would cause you to believe and I also believe that it is important to this body that we have rules that are consistent and which carry out some strengthening of the committee system. I know that Senator Chambers says this is not directed at the committee system, but that is where most of the bills are killed. It is very rare to have bills killed on the floor. I can recall one from last session, if other members being hear a longer period of time can remember more, I'll probably get a list of them so that my memory is refreshed. I only remember having one killed on the floor. But, be that as it may, the proposal I think makes sense simply because if a bill is killed in committee it takes 30 votes to bring it up on the floor for consideration. The same thing should apply to an amendment. If a bill is ultimately killed on the floor, which is rare, but can happen, the same thing would pertain. We are simply making amendments which are substantial the same as a bill killed treated the same as the bill itself. I would simply ask for your support and hopefully move on to the next rule proposal. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you Senator Wickersham. Question before the body is the adoption of the section of the permanent rules change. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record. Senator Chambers requested a record vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 343 of the