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SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers you would strike the second sentence of the new language found in proposed Rule 5 and replace it with the following, "The text of any amendment whose length is no more than ten pages shall be printed in the daily Journal. All amendments of greater length than ten pages shall be noted in the daily Journal as on file in the Bill Room or the Clerk's Office."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is the amendment, so I am prepared to answer any questions, but I will state briefly the purpose of it. In order that the intent of this proposed rule change is carried out, I would like to have a situation where we make it clear in the rules that amendments of no greater than a certain length are going to be printed. Nobody could come to the Clerk and say, well the rule doesn't say that so I don't want you to print this amendment. The Clerk is taken out of that all together. If it is ten pages, if the amendment's length is no more than ten pages, it is printed in the Journal period. The only amendments that will be noted in the Journal as being on file in the Clerk's Office and the Bill Room are those greater in length than ten pages. This language makes it impossible for, as much as our rules can do that, to have a situation where a senator will say, I have a short amendment but Clerk I don't want you to print it. That is about all I can think to say on it.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you Senator Chambers. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you Mr. President and members of the body, I rise very briefly to indicate that I support the Chambers amendment. I think it has been discussed thoroughly and I just want the record to reflect that Senator Chambers and I are agreeing on one thing today.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you Senator Will. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, whoever, I think it is even more unusual that Senator Chambers and I are agreeing so much today. So, I guess as we get to know more Senator Will we realize that Senator Chambers is right on these rule changes, I guess that is the lesson we are learning today.