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has had a thorough discussion, I think the Witek proposal will certainly enhance our ability to be up to speed on what has been filed on bills that we are interested in and I certainly didn't comment, after Senator Withem's comments because I reserved that for closing. But certainly I agree with what Senator Chambers said that we need to make sure that as we are trying to guarantee something that we don't, we don't restrict ourselves so tightly that perhaps we are having inadvertent consequences, so I certainly would intend to, prior to the final permanent rules being adopted clear, make sure and visit with the Clerk's Office and make sure that what we have done is not too restrictive. But, with that, unless Senator Witek has comments to add, that would constitute my closing.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you Senator Will. Proceed to vote on the amendment. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay Mr. President on the adoption of Rules Amendment Number 5.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Rules Amendment Number 5 is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Rules Committee offer proposed rules change Number 6, Mr. President on page 266 of your Legislative Journal.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you Mr. President and members of the body, this is the sixth and final rules change proposed by the Rules Committee. This is the minor technical change that Senator Withem was alluding too. Actually this is a very major proposal that I would urge the body to be attentive and participate in this debate, most of the debate on the rules changes has taken place just among a few of us. This is one that I think everyone needs to take interest in because it would adopt the... several major changes that potentially would have far reaching impact on the way we do business in the Legislature. I'll preface my explanation of this by sharing with the body, I'm sure that it comes as no surprise to you that during my tenure as Rules Committee Chairman, probably the... well not probably, without a doubt, one of the biggest topics of conversation between myself and other members of the body has been a perception of the body's inability from time to time to deal with issues that the