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end of the sentence add "and committee chairperson."

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad to open on your amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. Once again, this is not necessarily what somebody would deem a significant change to the proposed rule by the Rules Committee. What I am trying to do is be somewhat consistent with item one of that same section (b) where the Speaker works with the committee chairperson in determining when the public hearing would take place. And all this would do would once again require the Speaker to work with the committee chairperson relative to the committee action and the date associated with the action with the committee. I think as we...this will also give people once again a chance, of course, to discuss the whole concept; but relative to this, I think it just puts in another measure of making sure that everyone understands that the Speaker is not going to be rolling around out there by themselves or herself but would in fact continue to work closely with other leadership that's been elected by the Legislature as a whole, in this case the chairperson of another committee, relative to the action taken. With that, obviously would answer any questions; but once again I don't think that it is a significant change. And there very well might be a very clear reason why the Rules Committee left that check off of this particular section and if such I would certainly be willing to listen to that explanation. So I would move and hope that people would support adding the committee chairperson to Section (2) of item (b).

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Dierks, did you wish to speak on this amendment?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I do, Madam President. I'd like to ask Senator Maurstad to give me another update. I got here a little bit late and what does this amendment do?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: This amendment, Senator, amends number (2) of item (b) under Section 17 of the proposed rule change of the Rules Committee and adds at the end of that sentence "and committee chairperson," the exact same wording in item (1) just above it where it talks about hold a public hearing by a date certain as agreed to by the Speaker and committee chairperson.