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Legislature, that testiness that just took place is what I enjoy about debates more than any other thing because it adds the human touch. And whenever we discuss an issue for an extended period of time, I can see where nerves will get frayed and sometimes feelings will be hurt, misunderstandings take place, we don't hear everything that's stated, and this is why earlier, when I thought Senator Will had made a reference to me, rather than have somebody else tell me what he said, I asked him. He explained it to me. The air was cleared right away. That's how I survive down here. I also don't let these proposals that I offer become so mixed and intermingled with my ego or my sense of self that the destruction of one of these things constitutes a destruction of any part of me. That's why I can get immediately out of a very heated exchange into a mold where we're being very congenial and everybody's enjoying himself or herself or at least pretending to do so. To bring us back to what the amendment is that I have before us, the proposal designated number six, relates to, in my amendment to it, how many votes on the Executive Board it would take to approve of a designation by the Speaker of a bill as a major proposal. First of all, I want to make some things clear. Assumptions are being made that every one of these would be a significant piece of legislation. That's not true and that's not required by the wording of proposal number six. There has been an assumption that it will be controversial. That is not necessarily so based on the wording of proposal number six. There is nothing in the general language of proposal number six which will tell us what any of these designations that the Speaker makes will be, or the type of bill that will be so designated. I say we make assumptions and we do and I've made a lot of them as a basis for the discussion that I've had, and I think we have to do that in order to get at all aspects of these proposed changes. But on this one, Senator Bromm, who is supporting proposed rule six, has expressed his acceptance of the change. The reason I think that may carry some weight with the senators, it will let them know that this amendment is not one that will torpedo what is being attempted by the rule...the proposal number six to change the rules. So, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to ask at this point for a call of the house and then I will complete my close as that call is underway, if I get a vote for it.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Question before the body is, shall the house go under call? All of those in favor of going under call indicate by voting aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.