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CLERK: 32 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules and vote without further motion, amendment, or debate on proposed rules change number six.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We all heard the Clerk, the rules are suspended. We'll proceed to vote on the proposed rule change before the body. Oh, you...that's right, scrry about that. Senator Will, to close on the proposed rule change.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'll be very brief. Again, this is proposed rules change number six that would authorize the Speaker to designate up to five bills or proposed constitutional amendments as major proposals that would be subject to approval by the Executive Board...by two-thirds of the Executive Board of the Legislature. The Speaker would be authorized to sit down with committee chairs to determine when a hearing would be held, when the committee could take action; and as this morning's discussion has centered on the final provision within this proposal, which would be allowing the Speaker to determine the order of amendments and motions to be considered on a proposal. I think we've had a good, healthy debate on it. I...this proposal, again, is intended to address the concerns of the members with respect to frustration with regard to getting to perceived important or meaningful amendments on major proposals. This is the Rules Committee's best effort to address that situation. I would urge your support for it. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Beutler, you have a point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Could we have a call of the house and a roll call vote?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Call of the house. All those in favor of the house going under call or whatever, (laughs) I am a little rusty at this. Record. The house is under call, will the members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. While we're waiting, this is a severely traumatic experience. First I undergo a gender change, and then I become rusty, so I hope we get the process (laughs) accomplished in short order or we may see a disintegration in the Chair. Senator Kristensen, will you