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(See pages 478-80 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now turn to the motion to adopt permanent rules. Are there amendments pending?

CLERK: Madam President, with respect to the motion to adopt permanent rules, the first I have is by Senator Withem, but I have a note Senator Withem wishes to withdraw. This was the motion relating to Vice...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: The next motion is offered by Senators Chambers, Withem and Will. It would move to amend the rule amendment number 5 that was previously adopted by the Legislature with respect to the printing of amendments. (See amendment found on page 481 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I actually had the least to do with the actual drafting of this amendment, but the other two, Senator Chambers and Senator Will appear not to be in the body, so let me try to handle this. It's a technical cleanup of the rule that was passed as Rule 5. Rule 5 was, as I recall, was a proposal from Senator Witek which was designed to clarify the printing of amendments. The goal, I believe, behind what Senator Witek was proposing was that all members ought to have as much notice of what is pending as possible, so she had the proposal that rule changes or, excuse me, not rule changes, amendments to bills or amendments to amendments or motions, whatever, would be printed in the Journal, and if they were lengthy, I believe, her original proposal was that they either be printed in the Journal or a notation would be in the Journal that they were printed separately and in the bill drafter's office. Senator Chambers raised a question about that being too loose for his taste, that there may be some chicanery of sorts played by individuals still avoiding having their amendments printed in the Journal, so he offered an amendment which was adopted by the body indicating that, I believe, all amendments which are ten pages or more shall be noted in the daily Journal as on file in the Bill Room or the Clerk's Office. I said I was supportive of that, but just wanted to make sure it worked procedurally within the