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the Withem...

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, I rise in support of the amendment. As Senator Withem indicated, the original language was adopted when I Chaired the Rules Committee some time ago, and we had had a problem during the interim and so we were focused on the interim being able to intercede and deal with the vice chairmanship being vacant. Obviously the situation that came up this session dealt with during the session and we had...the rule didn't really work well for that. So, I think this change accommodates the recognition of the different circumstances in and and out of session, so I would rise in support of the rule change.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of the amendment simply because I think that it more clearly defines the way that the replacement over the vice chair of the Exec Board is. It seems rather in conflict that the original election of a chair or vice chair of a committee is done by the body as a whole and then on the event of a vacancy that it would be done through the committee. I can understand, I guess, the original intent was during the interim, which would certainly make sense, but when the body is here it would seem only appropriate that the same rules would apply as had applied originally, so I would be in support of the Withem amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Any further discussion on the Withem amendment? Seeing none, Senator Withem to close. Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the Withem amendment to the permanent rules. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment to the permanent rules as offered by Senator Withem.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Withem amendment is adopted. We again return to a discussion of the permanent rules. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature,