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I just want to make one comment. After all of the discussion that we had of that proposal Number 6, the confusion that continues to exist is gratifying to me. It either indicates that people didn't pay attention, or they didn't understand what was being said, or they didn't know what they voted on. So if those who support this are unsure as to exactly what it means and different supporters have different interpretations, you can imagine what is going to happen when an attempt is made to apply it. I think it is ridiculous, I think it is preposterous, but I think it is typical of this Legislature to rush to pass either a rule or a law which makes no sense, which will throw the body into confusion just in order to hurry up and get away from that particular issue. I always vote against adoption of the rules and I'll continue to do so. But, I just want to call your attention to what is happening this morning. You will not find general agreement on what the proposal that you all, the majority of you adopted, you won't find general agreement as to what it means. So, if the chairpersons don't know for sure what it means, or if some have a different opinion as to what it means from that of the Speaker and Senator Beutler's opinion is if the chairperson doesn't agree then it has no meaning whatsoever in terms of scheduling and so forth. By the way, I agree with what Senator Beutler said, we are creating a situation which invites chaos. It will not result because a particular member is trying to delay, it will result because there is not agreement as to what is meant by a rules change that was adopted. Let me ask Senator Beutler a question because I may have misunderstood what he said and if I did I don't want to misstate what he actually said.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, rather than me trying to formulate a question, will you give your opinion again as to how this particular change will play out if a chairperson does not agree with the Speaker's proposal to... When that issue was raised, would you state what your opinion is relative to that so my asking the question will not distort the answer that you give.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me say two or three things preliminarily, if I could, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, whatever time you need take it.