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CLERK: The second proposal I have, Mr. President, Senator Hudkins, I have the amendment to Rule 4, Section 1, regarding the number of resolutions per session per member.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hudkins, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Rule 4, Section 1, you all have it before you. It deals with resolutions, that they shall be numbered consecutively, they'll be introduced and read by the Clerk, and individual members are to be limited to eight resolutions per session, and this would not apply to resolutions proposing an amendment to the constitution. And I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Kristensen, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. There are two parts to this and we're going to take the first section of this, I assume, together, and then we'll vote...and then we'll do another part after this, so we have separate debate and I assume separate votes on these. This first part talks about resolutions that routinely come before the body. For new members, let me explain. You will see a variety of things as we go through this session where you will put resolutions before the Legislature to be debated. Some of them can be as weighty as congratulating Senator Chambers on his 70th birthday, others may be congratulating your athletic team, or whatever. And what happens is that those things are put...what we used to do would be to debate each one of those, have an individual vote. Those sorts of resolutions became a little more routine, there became more of them, and we were finding that we were spending more and more time doing them. We were having trouble keeping people here when you routinely scheduled them at the end of the day. What I propose to do and the Rules Committee saw fit to do and the first part of this is that we're going to limit the number of those resolutions to eight per session. Now that's not a tremendous amount. The average per senator is less than eight. I've had people come up