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amendment to the permanent rules. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 207-208.)  
1 aye, 25 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is not agreed to. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1155-1169 by title for the first time.) New resolution, Mr. President. (Read LB 293 by title for the first time.) Amendment to LB 812 by Senator Bohlke; Senator Schimek, to LB 729. And I have Report of Registered Lobbyists for the...through January 7, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 208-224.)

Mr. President, the next amendment to the proposed changes offered by Rules Committee is offered by Senator Chambers. (Legislative Journal page 224.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, to show that there are other ways to combine committees, I have this amendment. I would strike, Senator Vrtiska, you might want to listen to this, I would strike Business and Labor, I would strike Urban Affairs. Then I would insert "Business, Labor and Urban Affairs" and have 15 members. Now business and labor issues, generally, involve the urban area. So what could be more natural than Business, Labor and Urban Affairs? Business and Labor is a one-day committee. I don't know how many days Urban Affairs meets...one day. Voila, what could be...why didn't they think of that? Is it that the people who deal with urban affairs did not want their bailiwick affected negatively? Is that why? Well, I'm not going to engage in that kind of speculation, as enticing and tempting as it is. But this is another amendment that I'm offering you. I've served on the Business and Labor Committee. I've never served on the Urban Affairs Committee, and I haven't had any urban affairs (laugh) lately, either. But it...(laughter). See, somebody said that's how you make people pay attention, you add a little something on