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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, I'd call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate on the Smith amendment. Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful and debate does cease. Senator Smith, you're recognized to close on your amendment to the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Just a simple reminder that this, at the urging of Senator Chambers, changes "itself," in line 5 of Senator Schimek's amendment, to "Exec Board;" basically cleans it up. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the Smith amendment. All in favor of adoption of that amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on adoption of the Smith amendment to the Schimek amendment to Rule 3, Section 4. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Smith's amendment to Senator Schimek's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. We are back now to the Schimek amendment. Senator Chambers, your light is on. I believe this will be your third time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I hope I don't have to offer an amendment to speak again, and maybe I won't speak again, but you might wonder, and maybe you don't wonder, but if you do, you might wonder why I would speak so much on an issue like this and didn't speak on Senator Maxwell's proposed rule change which was directed at me. The integrity and dignity of the Legislature is placed in the paramount position under our rules. If we seek a point of personal privilege, the first priority is the dignity and integrity of the Legislature, words to that effect, then