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Clerk said, you should have this handout, initialed by Senator Beutler. There are two changes, really, in this one proposed rule change. We...if you will recall, we changed the name from the Legislative Program Evaluation to the Legislative Performance Audit Committee, and increased the membership from five to seven. We added the Speaker and one additional speaker (sic) last year. That was done in 2003. We need to harmonize our rules with that. And then the more significant part of this is, is down on the...toward the bottom of the page, under Rule 5, Section 5, scheduling of bills, priority bills, sub (c), and it's the underlined material: "The Legislative Performance Audit Committee may designate as priority bills two bills introduced by the committee or any senator as a result of a performance audit, but the principal introducer must concur with the designation as a priority bill and with the withdrawal of the designation once made." We had a hearing on this, of course. The committee voted unanimously to advance this amendment to the rules to the floor. It is an issue that Senator Beutler has brought forward. And I think at this time, if Senator Beutler would like the rest of my time, since it was his proposed amendment, I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Beutler.

**SENATOR CUDABACK:** Senator Beutler, about eight minutes.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Baker, thank you for the time. And this proposal is a proposal of the committee; it's not my proposal, except insofar as I'm a part of the committee also. I want to make clear, first of all, what the amendment is and is not. As Senator Baker indicated to you, everything in the amendment is technical in nature, necessary to comport with changes we made in the statute relating to the Performance Audit Committee last session. So what you see in there with respect to the increase in membership and name changes and that sort of thing, that's all already done, and we're just making the rules book comport to what we passed in statute. The one and only change is the change allowing the Performance Audit Committee to have two priority bills. And I should probably also indicate to you...or ask you not to confuse that change with anything else you think might go with it. This does not, does not authorize the