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for a motion.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Mr. President, I move that the rules, as now in our possession, be adopted for today only, Wednesday, January 5, 2005.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. The motion before you is the adoption of temporary rules. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. We now move to the election of permanent officers. The Chair recognizes Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the following officers be elected to serve for the Ninety-Ninth Legislature: Clerk of the Legislature, Patrick J. O'Donnell; Assistant Clerk, Richard K. Brown; Sergeant at Arms, Ron Witkowski. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Engel. The motion before you is the election of permanent officers. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. To the family members who are on the floor, we have enjoyed having you with us today. You are not being required to leave the Chamber, but since we're going to begin electing various positions for the Legislature and it will be necessary for those who pick up ballots to circulate, we're going to ask respectfully that the family members retire to either side of the Chamber, beneath the balconies. Thank you. Members, if my colleagues were as compliant as have been the family members, we would make much more efficient use of our time. So I want to thank the family members this morning for setting such a splendid example. And at this time, I will recognize Senator Don Pederson for a motion.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, I move to proceed to the election of the Speaker of the Legislature.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Pederson. The motion before you is the motion to proceed with the election of Speaker. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. The floor is open for nominations.