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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'd like to thank you for the discussion, and thank you for the input. I don't intend to take this to a vote. I don't think the language is perfect either. I don't think, Senator Chambers, that...or Senator Erdman either, I don't think this really solves the problem. We tried, and we tried to craft something. But I think perhaps that the whole issue does need further discussion. And I would be remiss if I let it go entirely at this point. I'm not going to let it go entirely at this point. All I'm going to do is say that, from time to time, it doesn't hurt to look at your legislative institutions and reevaluate them in terms of the present, or in terms of the past, however you want. And I think this is one of those times. Maybe we'll never change a single thing. But there is a pattern here, as someone said previously in the debate. And if we don't mind that pattern continuing, then I think it is good to look at the function of the Executive Board. And I believe that that has been pointed out very effectively here on the floor. So with that, thank you for your time, thank you for your comments, and thank you for listening. And, Mr. Clerk, I would like to pull the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment to the permanent rules motion, offered by Senator Smith. I believe he has distributed copies to the membership. (Legislative Journal page 220.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on your proposed amendment to the proposed committee permanent rules.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate the consideration, the opportunity for consideration here, of an issue that I believe needs some discussion, needs some review, and needs, I think, some feedback. It's no secret that we have a big state. It's no secret that mileage costs a lot of money, and we all come from different parts of the state, and that technology is before us. Some technology is even