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to amend the motion to adopt permanent rules with proposed change number one. That amends Rule 1, Section 17 of the permanent rules. (Proposal Number 1, Legislative Journal page 214.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. If you have your Journals handy, you're only going to need, at this point, two pages, page 120 and page 214...well, three pages, 214 and 215. The 120 is the rules proposals as originally introduced to the committee. The committee did meet. There was lively discussion on all of the changes, and then on page 214 and 215 are what the Rules Committee did advance to the full Legislature. The first proposal is on behalf of Senator Brashear. Right now, the Speaker is authorized to designate for special...let's see, what's the word...major proposals, thank you...as major proposals senator priority bills or a general appropriations bill. He would like to add to that committee priority bills. So all we're adding is just one further group of bills that the senator...the Speaker may designate as a super priority, shall we say. And, Senator Brashear, if you would like to add anything to that, you may have the rest of my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, you're recognized.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Thank you, Senator Hudkins. The reason for this proposal is a continuation of something I discussed with you several times last year, and that is to continue to focus attention upon the work of the committees. The rationale is simple. When the committees designate priority bills, they would have...those bills have the support of at least five or more members of the committee that is designating a committee priority bill. And last year, in my work for and with you, I attempted to emphasize, I put emphasis upon committee priority bills. It occurred...last year I did not designate any Speaker major proposals, but the fact of the matter is if there had been a need or a desire on the part of the body for me to do so with regard to a committee priority bill, I couldn't have done it. I think, as we move forward and continue to emphasize committee