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question before the body is, shall Proposal Number 2 be adopted? All in favor vote aye; all those opposed, nay. It does require 25 votes. Have you all voted who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Rules Committee amendment number 2.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Proposal Number 2 has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the third amendment from the Rules Committee involves an amendment to Section 3, Rule 3. (Legislative Journal page 215.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. The third proposal, as found in your Journal on page 215, changes the numbers of members on committees. Specifically, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs currently has eight members, they would go to seven; and the Health and Human Services Committee currently has seven, they would go to eight. And Retirement, since they are the committee that is in statute--statute says six members, we're wanting to move them to eight--if this proposal passes, there is a bill ready to be introduced to change that statute. The reasoning behind increasing Health Committee members by one is that, taking nothing away from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee by any means, but the Health and Human Services Committee deals with big dollar amounts, and so it was felt by the introducer of this proposal that there should be one more person making the decision on...helping make the decision on that committee. So with that, Senator Erdman, are you here? Would you like to speak to this?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, would you like to use some of Senator Hudkins' time?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I would. Thank you, Madam Chairman, Mr. President. The proposal that's before you was part of a package that I had presented to the Legislature. I think