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Senator Cunningham. Senator Cunningham. Senator Stuthman, Senator Synowiecki, and Senator Preister. The house is under call. Senator Stuthman and Senator...Senator Synowiecki, the house is under call. All members are present or accounted for. The question before the body is, shall the Chambers amendment be adopted to the permanent rules. All in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. You may now vote. Have you all voted on the issue who care to? There's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, when you get time, please call the roll on the question before the body.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 262-263.) 8 ayes, 29 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was not adopted, and I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Erdman. (Legislative Journal page 263.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, prior to the Chambers amendment, we were discussing the committee structure for the Legislature, and Senator Beutler had offered us a proposal to name the date that the Rules...that the Retirement Committee would meet. And one of the proposals or the ideas that I presented to the body was adding the language, and it's still in the same Journal page if you want to go back to page 215, after Rule 3, Section 6, instead of the consultation with the Speaker, and then Committee on Committees would set the schedule for the standing committee, the new language would be added, "and with the approval of the Executive Board." To be honest with you, I can go either way on what's before us. I think this helps clarify a concern that Senator Beutler brought up, and maybe others have, about having a check and balance in place about how this would come back to us and what the process would be. I fully recognize that the Committee on Committees is a special committee of the Legislature that's