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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I would just make two comments if I might. First of all if you are debating whether or not to advance a bill, obviously if you are seeking information on the bill or not, in order to make the vote, I would assume that that was a discussable item.

PRESIDENT: Ask the questions and the Chair will determine whether you are in or out of order.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, it is only because that I am a very nice guy that I don't pursue this.

PRESIDENT: We have nothing to pursue, I haven't made any ruling.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: You mean that you can't debate a bill on select file before you move it?

PRESIDENT: Surely.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well then I want to debate it.

PRESIDENT: So long as it is within the matter before us. There is a motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That is what I'm going to talk about.

PRESIDENT: Proceed.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you. Now, the question that I have, and if I may ask Senator Marsh a question in the same context. Senator Marsh if you have the bill as it is now, it does not contain the merit portion of the bill, is that right?

SENATOR MARSH: That is correct, there is no merit portion in the bill. That one million dollars is out of the bill.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Then if the bill doesn't have the Emergency Clause on it, what is the effect of what we have just done?

SENATOR MARSH: I hope that the gentlemen will stay long enough to advance it to E & R for engrossment so that I can bring it back to Select File for the Specific Amendment of adding the Emergency Clause.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you. That helps me with my vote so that I can make an intelligent decision.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'd have the same question of Senator Marsh that Senator Koch had. Can I do that?

PRESIDENT: Well try. Well ask the question. He was asking a question about the amendment, which had just been passed. He wanted to know if he could debate the amendment and I said no.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Marsh, why did we want to take the merit out?