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PRESIDENT: We have before us Senator Murphy's motion to suspend the Rules. Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I have a motion to amend the Murphy motion. I do not believe in it. I believe that a Standing Committee, either Public Health or Insurance Committee, one, should hear these bills. I do not believe in this particular amendment but because the situation is here that possibly if Senator Murphy's motion would pass it would create the special committee to hear these, which would be the three members of the Insurance and three members of Health. My amendment is to add to that three members of the Judiciary Committee, those three members being picked by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. I do not believe that a committee made up of six members that are already members of the other committees should hear that. I do not believe that they can, six people vote on it. The Chairman would have to abstain, then why have a Chairman. His voice would not be heard. I only offer this in case that the Murphy motion is adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. Chairman, this has evolved into something unbelievable. I had no idea that anything like this could result. I do firmly believe the Rules say, it names certain special committees but that we are not limited to those special committees, so I do believe the Rules could be amended, that committee could be created for a specific period which would not call for day to day. But rather than get into the complication and raise the specter of maybe it can be done, maybe it can't be done, and that certain abuses could come of it and in a sincere desire to expedite this, we have voted not to send the bills to Judiciary in voting down Senator Marsh's amendment. We have not voted on Senator Cavanaugh's, and in visiting with Senator Cavanaugh, I think we could probably salvage at least three members who had the benefit of the study in either committee. So with Senator Cavanaugh's consent and mine, barring any other expressions, I suggest that we vote on Senator Cavanaugh's original motion to send it to Health Committee, or failing that, to send it to Insurance Committee. If you believe it should be in Health, then vote for Senator Cavanaugh's motion. If not, I will make a subsequent motion that it be sent to the Insurance Committee. Let it go one way or the other.

PRESIDENT: Are you withdrawing your motion to suspend the Rules?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Do you concur, Senator Mills? All right.

SENATOR MURPHY: And all subsequent motions, I have made?

PRESIDENT: But this is just the suspension of the Rules. Is there an objection. Seeing none, the motion to suspend the Rules is withdrawn.