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PRESIDENT: Senator Warner. Our agenda calls for us to move to a Rule change at 11:30 a.m. If we have time, we will go back to General File as the Clerk still has some matters on his desk but you are recognized at this time for the purpose of discussion of the Rule change.

SENATOR WARNER: Which page?

CLERK: We are not sure which one we are taking up. You have one on page 425 but I don't know if that is the one you want to take up or not. Is that the one?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

CLERK: Okay, Mr. President, the Warner rule change as proposed is found on page 425 of the Journal.

SENATOR WARNER: All this rule change does, as you recall, it now takes 25 votes to adopt an amendment to a bill on General File. Normally, we only need a simple majority to amend an amendment. What the rule change would do would require 25 votes on appropriation bills, both to adopt the amendment and also for the adoption of amendments to the amendment and the purpose is obvious that any appropriation ought to be supported by at least 25 members of the body, the majority of the elected members, if it is going to be adopted and that is the purpose.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Warner, it occurs to the Chair, also, that the adoption of this rule change beneficially would prohibit the Chair from casting a deciding vote in an appropriations matter which seems very appropriate to the Chair.

SENATOR WARNER: It would.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the...

CLERK: The rules change is on page 425. What it would do is amend Rule 6, 2g by adding the following matter? Any motion to amend an appropriation bill or a motion to amend and amendment to an appropriation bill should require a majority of the elected members.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the question. Record your vote. It takes 30 votes. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails and the rule is changed. Do you have anything further, Senator Warner? Senator Warner, does that complete your business, Senator Warner? All right. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to place LB 992 on General File notwithstanding the action of the Committee. Signed Senator Mahoney.

PRESIDENT: All right, that will be laid over.