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body how you want to handle them? Do you want to go through them all and then come back and let the amendments go up or down one by one or are we going to do that as we go like we did 703?

SENATOR MARVEL: If we have procedure in 703 established, then we can do that here.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR MARVEL: And that is, as the subject matter comes and as we discuss it, then I suggest that if there are amendments that we bring them up and talk about them at that time. That would probably be easier.

PRESIDENT: So that no one, and we don't need a rule change, this is just the way we are going to proceed on the floor, that the Committee amendments will be discussed and voted on individually and any amendments to those shall be taken up at the same time and voted on. All right. Senator Marvel, the Clerk has just advised that these are related to pages rather than section numbers. So that as you refer to these, you will have to refer to the page number as well as the section number.

SENATOR MARVEL: You are talking about the amendments, we are now talking about amending the Committee amendments, right? Okay, that is fine.

PRESIDENT: You see their reference refers to pages rather than particular sections.

SENATOR MARVEL: Just a minute. Let me come up there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: A question, Mr. Chairman, on appropriation bills, to amend an amendment, it takes 25 votes, is that correct?

PRESIDENT: That is correct.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, not to cause confusion but since it takes 25 votes to amend an amendment or to do anything, could we adopt the Committee amendments, then take them one at a time and amend them that way after they have already been adopted. Then it is not a two stage procedure of amending a Committee amendment, then voting whether to adopt the amended amendment.

PRESIDENT: That seems to have some merit but I suggest that you talk to Senator Marvel or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I just thought I would mention it.

PRESIDENT: He is right between us.