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SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move the E & R amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the Enrollment and Review amendments. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried, the amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion to indefinitely postpone that has been offered by Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers is excused.

PRESIDENT: Does someone wish to handle the indefinite postponement motion of Senator Vickers in his absence? Senator Nichol, are you within hearing range? Senator Vickers has a motion to indefinitely postpone on this 437 and he is absent. What is your wish?

SPEAKER NICHOL: I suggest we pass over it until we take up Select File again.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to respectfully disagree with that choice. I think it is a bad policy decision for a senator to file an amendment or a kill motion and then merely by not being here prevent the bill from coming up again. This bill has been on...was placed on Select File two weeks ago. It is a fairly noncontroversial measure. Senator Vickers has some sincere personal concerns with it but I have not heard them from anyone else. I just don't think it is a good policy for the body to get into to allow amendments to keep a bill from being heard. Senator Vickers will have an opportunity to argue his case with a motion to return on Final Reading and would suggest we wait and do it at that point. Otherwise, we can file motions to amend and absent ourselves when the bill comes up and I feel like it would be a disastrous sort of situation.

PRESIDENT: The Chair will allow Senator Haberman to make a comment. Actually we do not have anything on the floor but I...generally, go ahead.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and Senator Withem, this has been a matter of common courtesy on the floor of the