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and I think it advisable to refer it back to a Committee to consider this other element. There may be many people in both parties and others who will want to give testimony. I think we would be acting hastily if we act on this bill at the present time. So, I'm certainly going to support Senator Maresh's motion to refer it back to committee for a hearing.

SPEAKER: Senator Proud, just for information of the chair and, perhaps, to assist me to rethread the eye of the needle, if Senator Maresh were to withdraw his motion, would you take upon yourself the invocation of this Rule on Page 29?

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President, I think what it gets down to is whether you've got 25 votes here, or not.

SPEAKER; I was only trying to..

SENATOR PROUD: If Senator Maresh could withdraw his amendment and I, as Speaker, could then refer it to Committee and then the body could override me, I think it's in..there is no use spending more time on that. I think we should, when we are ready here, vote on Senator Maresh's motion.

SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The chair has several lights on here. Senator Whitney, did you wish to be heard on Senator Maresh's motion. Thank you, he's passing. Senator Anderson, did you wish to be heard on Senator Maresh's motion?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I simply want to support Senator Maresh's motion. I think that one of the..one of the best ways that we can destroy the accountability which we have to the public of Nebraska is get to hasty in rushing legislation through here. I think that this bill does deserve a public hearing. I support Senator Stromer's original bill. I supported Senator Waldron's bill. I hope that we do pass these bills but I think we should give the public a chance to provide influence through a public hearing.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Warner, then Senator Stromer, then Senator Carpenter. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I support Senator Maresh's motion. It seems to me again the question really is one of.. is one of precedence. I would assume there..and I would agree there are those occasions when significant amendments can be added on the floor and not be referred back to committee. On the other hand, that should be the exception rather than the rule. I think we may as well establish right now whether or not we're circumventing the ten bill limit by putting major amendments on General File or not and it seems to me that precedence ought to be that we fairly well limit the amendments to a bill directly in relation to the purpose of the bill originally had as introduced. And I think this one, of course, is totally different and as a result ought to be referred back to Committee for hearing on the issue of the change for the Primary.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Stromer, then Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, would Senator Proud yield to a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Proud, will you yield?

SENATOR PROUD: I was in the midst of reading a very interesting magazine article but yes, I yield.

SENATOR STROMER: I saw that Senator Proud. That's why I asked. It is my understanding with the Rule that Senator Maresh's motion is actually not needed and that you can at any point here refer the bill back to Committee. Is this correct?