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(Start of Belt #9)

CLERK: Vote read. Senator Savage voting aye.

SPEAKER: Senator Savage voting aye.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, 11 not voting.

SPEAKER: The appointments are confirmed. Senator Duis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, with your permission, I would like to go over a Rule with this Legislature and it regards to Select File, and I would hope that everyone would get their Rule Book out and turn to Page 6, so we might go over this together so that if I raise a question in your mind, you might have an opportunity within the next few days to think about it.

SPEAKER: Proceed.

SENATOR DUIS: We had a situation on Select File this morning which I think should be clarified through the Rules. If you will notice in Section 4 on Page 30 of this Rule 6, it deals with Select File. Please take note that the only motions in order are (a) a motion to approve or reject the recommendations of the chairman of Enrollment and Review, (b) a motion to adopt a unanimous consent amendment to which no objection shall be offered. When a motion is made to adopt a unanimous consent amendment, the mover shall be required to explain the amendments sought. There is no room left there for argument or questions. He merely gets to explain it. Also, that unanimous consent can only be granted by unanimous consent. There is no vote to be taken. (c) a motion to recommit to the proper Standing Committee, (d) a motion to recommit to General File for one or more specific amendments. If such a motion is adopted, the bill shall be transferred forthwith to the head of General File where the consideration of the specific amendment shall be first order of business on that File. Now, let this be final unless someone rules differently because on Select File the only amendment which can be adopted is unanimous consent amendment. When it goes beyond that point, it must be attempted to be returned to General File. Now, someone may take issue over on Page 31 with Section 5, but this only deals with the returning it from Engrossment to... or from Final Reading to Select File. This Rule merely gives you the necessary procedure to return it to Select File. Once it is back there to Select File, the only amendment that can be adopted thereon is unanimous consent amendment. Therefore, the old situation stands in this Legislature as far as the Chairman of the Rules Committee is concerned is there shall be no debate on Select File...period. If you wish to have debate or add to that Select File specific amendment, it must be returned back to General File to the head of General File. Now, please think that over for the next day or so. If anybody has any different views, I certainly would like to hear it because I'd like to settle this question in regard to the argument on Select File where it should not happen.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Duis a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SIMPSON: I was back on the side when you started your explanation. Were you explaining the Rules as you think they now are stated or what they should be changed to?

SENATOR DUIS: No, as they are now stated.