

interpretation that I had of the Rule. Now, I asked everyone here if they disagreed with this within the next day or so that they visit about this because it may be that nothing is necessary to have a change in this Rule to clarify it, this fact, if you so desire. Now, if you have a...my interpretation is purely my own and I so stated that, but I think that I should state what my thinking is in regard to this. Now, if you desire to...I didn't want to get into an argument on the floor about the Rule. I merely want to bring a question up before the Legislature so that people might think it over because this Rules Committee is going to meet within the next couple of days and we can bring this up and I certainly, I'm wrong a lot of the time I'm sure, but I think someone has to bring these points up for clarification because it is not clear.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner, I wasn't ducking the question but...

SENATOR WARNER: That's alright.

SPEAKER: Go ahead, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: Could I ask Senator Duis one more question.

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

SENATOR WARNER: Are you going to require that somebody submit a Rule Change before the next Rules Committee.

SENATOR DUIS: Absolutely not. I was merely bringing this question up so some of the keen minds might be thinking about this situation in the event they desire to bring up the Rule Change, but I assure you during the Rules Committee meeting that I will bring it up with the Rules Committee what my interpretation is so that we can argue there, and I don't desire to take the time on the floor here from General File to argue it. I'd rather do it in Rules Committee, but I was merely bringing before the entire body what I thought was an interpretation so that we might have discussion during a Rules Committee hearing and not on the floor of the Legislature.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Senator Duis, would you also make sure that when you have a Rules Committee meeting that maybe the Lieutenant Governor could be notified. I would...

SENATOR DUIS: You know I would be just tickled to death to have you there. I really would.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Now, Senator Syas, wait a minute. Senator Whitney had asked to be recognized here and then we will come back to you.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when Senator Duis was explaining the Rule (b) under Section 4, on Page 30, he said there would be no room for argument on a unanimous consent amendment. Now, my feeling here is that is says, "When a motion is made to adopt a unanimous consent amendment, the mover shall be required to explain the amendment sought," but it does not say that there shall be no room for argument. So, Senator Duis, when you take this up in the Committee, I feel that if you want that in there that there shall be no room for argument that it should be so stated because if it is not forbidden, it would seem to me that there would be room for argument.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis, do you care to respond?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, I do. Senator Whitney, I think it's been a long standing interpretation of this Rule that on Select File, we do not have debate, and I think this Rule, in my own personal opinion, the reason this was worded the way it is, was to stop debate on Select File. Otherwise, we would have