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in committee right now that are just being left there to die a peaceful death, and I think this is good too, and I believe this is the way the committee felt and with that explanation I'll leave it to your consideration and any discussion on the floor, but we felt as though this was a good rule change and might help us on general file at the beginning of the next session. At least the committees can go right to work the first day, and get some committee action on the bills rather than waiting for the five days before they can start to work.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I don't know, it seems to me that the way we have been operating on this is adequate, they're on general file and they stay there until the next session. You return all these bills to the committees and you're going to have another hearing, why not, if you are back in committee?

SENATOR DUIS: This is not the intention of the rules to have another public hearing, now you can amend the rule if you so desire to have another public hearing, it makes no difference to the rules committee, we'll be tickled to death to do that.

SENATOR SYAS: I don't even want them back in committee for the simple reason is, that it's just shifting another load back on the committees and where does this legislature really bog down? On the floor, no, where does it really bog down, it's because of excessive committee work on most committees, there's where we bog down right today. Take a look, there is many committees and this isn't critical of them, because I know what the committees are, there, sometimes it's tough to amend bills and rework bills and have hearings until 5:00 and 5:30, I've gone through this thing. It's where we bog down because of lack of time, is in committees, for instance in one of the committees I'm on, we have spent, I don't know how many days, now we are ruining our lunch hour, in executive session. I'm not critical of that, it has to be done, now you're going to through back by this amendment, I think an additional load on the committees, as I say where we bog down this legislature is the committees, why give them more work and a duplicate work over, now, I know that there is some bills that might die in committee, and I would say in that case, either have the committee take action on them, one way or the other. Now we have got some education bills, I know state aid, I would say the thing to do with them and that's probably partly what is behind this, at least I feel it is, is put them on the board and let them set there, I certainly don't want two more days of hearings till 5:00 to hear them over again. I think this is a bad move really, it's my personal opinion.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the proposed rule change? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the legislature, the amendment as it was originally turned in to the rules would have had bills held either on general file, wherever they were on the board or in committee, the rules committee amended that sent all back to committee, but I do think it is important that bills can be held in committee during the interim for two reasons. One since we changed the rules so that the standing committees become interim study committees, it's reasonable that those bills which they are going to study stay in committee. Secondly I've heard some criticism or comments from the public at least that they couldn't understand why we put a bill out on general file which we knew we were going to study and which we knew or at least felt that needed some amendments and changes, it made much more sense since that the bill just stayed in the committee for that purpose. It also seems to me that over the years that we've