

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Whitney, then Senator Carpenter, then Goodrich and Cavanaugh, and the issue before the body again is to reject the Lewis amendments.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I have received mail, but it's fallen off the last few days and I hope it stays that way. The point is, I feel that this Legislature should not reject a Senator's amendment when he's not here and he has placed that amendment on the books and when the tradition of this Legislature in the past has been to be courteous to those Senators. Now if we formally reject his amendment, then we'd have to have a reconsideration over on Select File later on. Senator Carpenter I know has said that we'll consider it but there's been no motion to that effect, no motion to that effect that we will give him the same opportunities on Select File that he would today have on General File. No motion has been passed to that effect and therefore I feel that we should not reject this motion just on those grounds alone.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Carpenter, then Senator Goodrich, then Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, first a point of order.

PRESIDENT: Yes, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is there any reason why Senator Lewis when he gets here can't have the opportunity if he gets 25 votes he'd attempt to amend this resolution on Select File.

PRESIDENT: No.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, of course, but in view of what's going on do you think he's going to be able to do it? We're only talking about the courtesy to him. Nobody wants to take that away from Senator Lewis and nobody will. If he can't get 25 votes he can't have anything anyway in this kind of a bill. This is not an ordinary bill which only takes a majority. This is a bill that has a great deal of interest in it to say the least. And we're not taking away from Senator Lewis, any rights he now has he'll have the same rights Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. He can offer any amendment he wants to and I'm sure if there's anything that would preclude that we'd be glad to suspend the rules in order to give him that right if it doesn't now exist or will not exist on Select File. This is much ado about nothing. It's one of those things you're trying to get out of not voting on this resolution this morning. May be you can but you've got to show me you can.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, do you care to respond?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Point of order. Senator Lewis could put his motion by just a majority on General File. Therefore, we take privileges away from him if we pass this over to Select File because then he needs 25 votes and not just a majority to put his amendment on.

PRESIDENT: That is correct. It takes a simple majority here, it takes 25 votes on Select File. Chair next recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I would completely concur with Senator Carpenter and I would go one step further. We have used this procedure in the past, not in this session but in previous sessions where we have advanced something with the understanding that the introducer of the amendment be given the privilege

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