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on Select File of adopting his amendment or rejecting it, whatever we decide to do, with a simple majority. Since the question only resolves down to whether or not he needs a simple majority on General File or 25 votes on Select File, I would suggest and I would move that we advance the bill with the understanding that the vote on Select File only requires a simple majority in the Lewis amendment only.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Goodrich...

SENATOR GOODRICH: On amendment to the Savage amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, I'm going to declare your motion out of order because in order to do that it would require a suspension of the rules of this Legislature and if you want to move that direction then you can so make that, that, it would take a suspension and that's 30 votes in order to reserve an action for a bill--excuse me, to reserve an action for a subsequent action on a bill on Select File which would be against the rules of the Legislature.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Then I so move the suspension of the rules and the adoption of that amendment to the Savage amendment for that purpose.

PRESIDENT: All right, now the motion before us now is to suspend the rules and advance the bill over--just a minute, Senator Carpenter--and advance the bill over to Select File where at that time then it will be reserved for Senator Lewis the right to have merely a majority vote in order to adopt his particular amendment. That's the issue before the body now at this particular time. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: ...of order, it's been my understanding that you cannot by the suspension of the rules do anything except that which applies today, not Monday, today. Every day is a separate day and we cannot today bind ourselves tomorrow. The thing has no validity, you're just wasting your time trying to do it. I'm in sympathy with what the Senator's doing but you can't do it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, that's a good observation. Senator Duis, do you have any input at this particular time?

SENATOR DUIS: I would suggest any time you suspend the rules just do it for one day, it won't work otherwise.

PRESIDENT: Well, under those conditions then and chair has to make a ruling on it, Senator Goodrich, I'm still going to declare your motion out of order because I don't think and the chair would concur with the logic that you really can't bind this body beyond this particular day with that particular rule. Your motion is out of order and I believe that we're still back now to the discussion of the rejection of the Lewis amendment. The next to speak was Senator Cavanaugh. We have before the body the rejection of the Lewis amendments to LR 23.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the body, I have extreme reluctance to act upon a measure which, upon which Senator Lewis has an amendment. However, I feel that the members of this body are prepared and willing and able to act upon this resolution this morning and I believe I can rely on Senator Kennedy's assurances that he feels Senator Lewis feels that Senator Kennedy is adequate to explain these amendments, or this amendment. So I will now address myself to the amendment and correct a statement made by Senator Kennedy with regard to the committee and the fact that I do not concur in the amendment and will oppose the amendment, primarily the changing of the word same to appropriate. I think that change does great damage to the intent of this resolution