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PRESIDENT: There was no motion made, it was only said, it was only mentioned that Senator Duis would make that motion and then those bills yesterday were advanced with the chairs understanding that that motion would be made today. Relating to that series of bills, but there was no motion.

SENATOR PROUD: In other words, Senator Duis, or somebody announced that he would make such a motion, but nobody agreed here that they would suspend the rules. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT: Again you are correct Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Then I would like to ask, now Senator Duis and I visited about this yesterday, but I didn't agree to it and I'd like a little information. Why, are we now considering suspending the rules to take up amendments on select file with only a majority of those voting?

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis. Do you care to respond?

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Proud, yesterday when we started advancing bills without amendments on them in order to hasten it by one day, I announced the fact that I, I don't know of any agreement either, but I announced the fact that I would make a motion this morning because we can only suspend the rules a day at a time. I couldn't suspend them yesterday. So I made the announcement that this morning I would make a motion that would suspend the rules to allow these bills to be considered the same as general file so that we can have discussion on the amendments. Have the amendments adopted by the majority of those voting, but that the bill could not advance off of select file unless it has 25 votes for advancing. That motion I went over this morning Senator Proud, to the clerks office. We took these bills up. The motion is on his desk and then Senator Carpenter, then asked to amend the motion to include those bills which are on file and that is where we are. I'm very sorry I, what I tried to do was to assist in bringing those bills from general file over to select file, but still require 25 votes to get them advanced. I would, I'm not as concerned about the amendment part of it as I was the voice or the simple majority of having it advanced to final reading and that is the part---

SENATOR PROUD: Well, I am correct in assuming that most of these bills we advanced yesterday morning or at least a number of them, that there was no floor discussion on them and that is the reason that you wanted to get them over to select file because it was the last day for general file. So there was no discussion on the floor.

SENATOR DUIS: This is correct.

SENATOR PROUD: Well in that event, I want to point out to the body that I can, understand the reason for this, but that we are disregarding our methods of procedure when we do that. Because there is a reason that you discuss bills on general file. So now if we pass this motion that we will dispense with the 25 required votes in select file, for an amendment, we are not following our rules, because we have advanced bills on general file and are in a hurry to get them across there without any discussion and so I can not see why would should require less than 25 votes for an amendment on select file. Because then we are back to the 10-4, 2-1 or whatever deal I understand that Senator how you did that, in order to get things done, but I'm not satisfied that we should move this fast. I'll think about it a little bit, but I'm not as I'm not satisfied with that at all.