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SENATOR SIMPSON: The amendment is strike the word "proposed" and insert "adopted". In line 4, second sentence. Rules changes only to be adopted in the first ten days of the session.

PRESIDENT: Now is there further discussion of that amendment. All those in favor of that amendment please say aye. Those opposed say no. Ayes have it. So ordered. The amendment is adopted. Now we will divide the question of the Snyder rule change. And we will take up the first part of it which is my understanding Senator Simpson you wanted to take up the first part which would adopt by a four fifths majority. We are now debating that section of the proposed rule change which relates to a four fifths majority being needed to adopt a rule change. Is there a need for further discussion of that motion. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER. Now Mr. President, here we have the spectacle of a man who is going to leave this body. Giving his identification as being a playground. If anybody made it a playground it would be more in his area than anybody elses. And I don't propose to stand quiet. And let one who is about to leave put everybodys hands in a noose. See there's always an effort by a few people who in order to curtail the activity of other people. They can't do it by the rule of reason on the floor, so they adopt other things in order to tie the cord of an expression. Now this is a very democratic body. There is not another body like this in this country at least. Everything we do is open to anybody who wants to look at it. And for all practical purpose we have no executive meetings. The press can report everything that we say or do, and that's the way it ought to be. Now if you people are children. If you can't stand change. That's one of the things wrong with this state if there's anything wrong with it. Now this is a lousy rule, And if you pass it it will live to haunt you. I can live with any rule. There's nothing that Snyder can think of that I can't get around, through or over under. Now of course I have the other advantage, he won't be here. He's always been an obstacle in the area by successful legislation. But we ought to leave it alone. This body is composed of apparently 49 reasonably mentally well balanced men. We don't agree. There are things that come where you cannot get 40 votes. Even though you should get 40 votes. Now for heavens sake leave it alone. This body operates and I can find very little to complain about. And I don't think any member of this body on the overall can complain about the rules either. But I think it's a bad habit. Sometimes I do it. To identify in the press that this is a playground. And a playground in which the public would accept that interpretation is not really what the Senator meant. But that's what the public indicates that's what it is. This is a battle of wits on this floor. There's no restrictions on any one to attempt to do anything. And that's the way we ought to keep it.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Richard Lewis. Actually we're speaking on question..maybe the chair should clarify something here. I realize that the chair has taken actually what is the second part of the second question in this particular rule change. In that we're working on that first here now, and so I want to make that clear that we are speaking on just that section which would adopt the rule change by four fifths majority. Adopt only now Senator Lewis.