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PRESIDENT: You are objecting to striking the amendment.

SENATOR SKARDA: You bet I am, Mr. Chairman because the Senator was absent sometime ago and got this reconsideration. He was almost absent again this morning when we taken up the same subject. I'm absolutely emphatically against it. I think we have given this thing a chance to be aired this morning and as far as I'm concerned it can stand as being Metro. I don't see any need for us to change the name of it. I don't know what advantage it will be in making the change. And so I'm in opposition to it. I can't go along with it.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Dickinson. The motion is to strike the amendment that was adopted Friday on 813. So that's all we're discussing now.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I apologize for being out of the room. I guess I'm accused for being out. I sit here in the back, some people do send in notes and I do feel responsible to acknowledge those notes and go out and talk to constituents or lobbyists. And that's where I was now. I'd like to ask the question. Is the amendment that was adopted by the Committee, has it been posted in the Journal so people can read it? O.K. then is it legal, Mr. President, to proceed with this thing until it is?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: You can strike committee amendments before they are printed and nobody really knows what they are?

PRESIDENT: Yes. I can't answer to the..whether anybody knows what they are or not but there is no procedure that requires that everything be printed in the Journal. Sometimes that's done as a courtesy. Sometimes it's done by specific motion and a...

SENATOR DICKINSON: You are telling me, Mr. President, that it's normal...that it could be considered as normal procedure for a bill to come out of General File one day, and be struck the next day and go on across the board?

PRESIDENT: Stand by. We..this committee amendment we just got this morning, and so there was no way in which we could put that in the Journal. That's the time sequence, prevented that Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I realize that, that's what I'm asking for that to make the time sequence so that it does get printed in the Journal and wait to act on it until it does.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson, if you want to lay the bill over you will have to make a motion. Right now we have the bill up for General File consideration and the amendment thereto, and if you are objecting, fine, make a motion then to do this, but it has to be by a motion. The Chair can't stop this.

SENATOR DICKINSON: All right, is the motion order for me, or do I have to wait until the amendment has been voted on. I move the bill be laid over until the amendments adopted by the committee are printed in the Journal and everyone has a chance to read them review them.