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to the rules change, which is found on page 876 will now be read by the Clerk.

CLERK: amendment read.

PRESIDENT: That is the motion under discussion now. Senator Stahmer do you have some closing on this.

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes, again....

PRESIDENT: Wait a minute, Senator Syas wants to speak. Senator Stahmer go ahead, and then Senator Syas is recognized.

SENATOR STAHMER: Just again for the benefit of those not present. The intent of this motion is to require 25 votes on all bills on General File, not just the budget bill. For those of you who were'nt here.

PRESIDENT: For amendments. All right, now Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I think I'm for the motion, but I'd just like to clarify one thing, and that is, just what is an appropriation bill, really. I mean I'd like to have that defined a little bit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, he's striking all reference to an appropriation bill, his motion now, which is being discussed is that the amendment would apply to all bills on General File all amendments to those bills on General File would require 25 votes.

SENATOR SYAS: Nothing to do with money at all.

PRESIDENT: No, he's striking reference to those votes.

SENATOR SYAS: O.K. O.K.

PRESIDENT: Now, is there further discussion. SENator Fellman. Go ahead Sir.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I'd like to ask a question of Senator Stahmer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer yield.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Then there would be no...if your rule is passed there would be no distinction between the amending process on General File and the amending process on Select File.

SENATOR STAHMER: That would be my interpretation. It would treat all bills as we would anticipate treating the budget bill.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Doesn't that violate the original theory of the distinctions between General File and Select File and Final Reading. Where General File is meant to be a place of a lesser requirement moving up to Select File and moving up to Final Passage.