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not proper or wise to piecemeal changes of this magnitude. It deals not only with the procedure, but I think substance. What is the purpose of General File debate. What is the purpose of Select File and all of the stages that we go through. And I could look on this with more favor, if it had been done at the very beginning of this session, or earlier in the career of those who are offering this amendment now, or by committee other than appropriations committee. I'm opposed to Senator Stahmer's amendment to this amendment. However, I'm not going to do to much to stop it, because I do have a motion on the desk to indefinitely postpone the entire rules change, when the appropriate time comes. I'm mentioning that so that those who want to kill this thing will know that the machinery for doing so is on the Clerk's desk.

PRESIDENT: Are you all through discussing the Stahmer amendment. All right, Senator Stahmer then you may close. Senator Stahmer is now closing on his amendment to the Rules change. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, and members of this body. First of all, I appreciate Senator Chambers honesty and forthrightness in saying that he does have a

(End Belt 1A)

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kill motion. This motion of mine, or amendment in no way was designed to kill this. I am very sincere in this. SENator Chambers said, why didn't I do something sooner? I did do something sooner, I took a Rules change to the Rule Committee at least two if not three years ago. Asking that this discussion time be cut from ten to five or even three minutes to speed things up. I think I've done everything I can to make the process here as legitimate as possible. I look upon this as the legitimate means to get legitimate legislation. Other might see it otherwise. But I think it's a move that should be tried. It's a Rules change. I don't know why that rules hung up to long that Senator Johnson, perhaps could answer that. I'm not saying it's his fault. I don't know why it happened. It's not my suggestion. I'm amazed that it didn't come up sooner. But as the...some people say, try it you might like it.

PRESIDENT: The question is, do you want to adopt the Stahmer amendments to the Rule change. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. You are voting on the Stahmer amendment to the Rules change, which would strike the reference to appropriation bills and require 25 votes on all amendments and bills on General File. Have you all voted? 25 votes for an amendment. The Chair would rule a majority for an amendment, to a rule change. To adopt a rule change proper after it had been amended would require 30 votes. All right, have you all voted. Clerk will record.