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like this. Senator Duis. Do you care to respond?

SENATOR DUIS: This Rule change only has to apply to an amendment. Not to the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I was just asking for a point of information.

SENATOR DUIS: It would just apply to the amendment. The 25 votes would be necessary to place an amendment on the bill on General File.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Then you can't move the bill off from General File without 25 votes, either.

SENATOR DUIS: That's correct. Yes, that's the same rule applies. Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: So, then you would have..you could have a number of bills who would stay there for a long time because of the inability to get 25 votes.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I believe that occurs at the present time, if you can't get 25 votes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I have a question. Well, is there going to be any discussion of the issue.

PRESIDENT: Certainly. Whatever you choose.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll ask my question after I hear some more of the discussion, then maybe it will be answered.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. We're still debating now the Rules change, which has been amended. Senator Stahmer's motion.

SENATOR DECAMP: I have a question, Senator Duis or anybody. Parliamentary rules of procedure, as I understand it have been developed over what, four, five six hundred years, and there is various authors on it. Is there any author, major author on parliamentary rules of procedure, where the concept of having what would in affect be a majority of the total members necessary to make amendments. Is this involved, or incorporated in Robert's rule of procedure or any other. All I've read, always have a majority on the initial stage.

PRESIDENT: A majority of those voting.

SENATOR DECAMP: A majority of those voting.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis do you care to respond.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator the rules of..that is the rules of the Legislature are governed by the Legislature themselves. I believe Senator Carpenter has brought this point to our attention several times. The Attorney General says that we govern ourselves by our own rules. So I don't think that you are...