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PRESIDENT: Thank you, I've already ruled. And that is that it took 25 votes and I declared the motion as failed. Now, Senator DeCamp back to you.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, then I respectfully appeal the ruling of the Chair, and I would cite the Chair's precedence in previous days where we were adopting amendments by a mere majority vote. Had I known you were going to change the precedent you, yourself had established. I would have asked for a Call of the House, to achieve the 25 votes. You put me in an impossible situation here, where I...

PRESIDENT: That isn't all...that's fine you can't debate a challenge to the Chair either. So the question is, shall the challenging the ruling of the Chair. The question is, shall the chair be overruled. All those vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Motion is, shall the Chair be overruled? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Once again have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 20 nays 18 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Now, then Senator DeCamp back to you.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I merely have a question at this point.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead.

SENATOR DECAMP: Because of the apparent unpredictability

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would it be a fair request for the Chair to tell me what amount of votes is going to be required in the future on amendments to amendments in view of the fact that we have two different precedents established by the Chair at this particular point in time.

PRESIDENT: No. One precedent was established by the Rules and the other one was the Chair which established it. But it is the chair's understanding. And I thought it was the issue before the body, and I thought it was the intent of the body, as a matter of fact, that all amendments to all bills on General File would involve 25 votes for the adoption. I heard no exceptions to that at least when the rules was under discussion. Now, Then Senator Dickinson did you want to be recognized?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Yes, Mr. President, a point of order. You can rule me out of order if you so desire. I simply must defend Senator DeCamp. And you probably did not make the..set the precedent in the Chair, but the Chair did so we have been misled in this area, and because...and I'm sure that if we take a little time we can find it in the records of this week's transcript where this body decided, and whoever was in the chair decided