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LB 27, 112, 211, 305

SPEAKER MARVEL: To be specific, you have got on the agenda under Select File, LB 27 and 112. They are Senator Kremer's bills. We asked to pass over these bills because Senator Kremer slipped on the ice and under doctor's orders was to remain home at least today, so I think that takes up... We are talking about being liberal as far as introducers are concerned.

PRESIDENT: Now the Chair understood that to be a change of the Speaker's order...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

PRESIDENT: ...and that is the way it was handled and those were put over.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now, when it comes to amendments to 211 and 305 by others than the introducer, Senator Kelly, then we would treat them differently. If you are the chief introducer of a bill and you, for some reason or another, can not be here because of illness, because of an accident, then we would pass over your measure. If it is strictly an amendment as in the case of 211 and in the case of 305, that is a different matter. We would take up the bill and the introducer of the amendment who is not the introducer of the bill would have a chance to attempt to bring the bill back, and I don't really see the difference because for instance on Select File, you need twenty five votes to adopt the amendment. You need twenty five votes to bring the bill back so we are not penalizing anybody. Now I am talking about those who are authors of amendments. Now it appears to me that I am not getting through to you some way. You are not nodding.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, yes, two things have been clarified is that there is going to be the introducer taken care of and that this is only going to be on Select File where everything takes 25 votes because if it goes to General File and you can get amendments, an amendment to the amendment and an introducer's bill can be completely changed, Mr. Speaker, without his being in the room and being legitimately detained in a hospital or other places.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well I would like to confine this at the moment. There are going to be all kinds of problems like