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LB 221

PRESIDENT: All right, read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to suspend Rule 6, Section 2, and Rule 7, Section 3 and vote without further debate and without further amendment on the advancement of LB 221.

PRESIDENT: Under the Speaker's order there is no debate. Senator Kelly, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, there is on the Speaker's desk a motion for reconsideration on LB 221 that was placed there timely by me, the introducer of LB 221, that should be taken up today because if it is not taken up today the Legislature is in a very definite violation of Rule 7, Section 7, by not disposing of a motion for reconsideration in the five day period allotted by legislative rules. I thought that it was much preferable to follow the rules of the Legislature in the handling of the reconsideration motion. I am being sandbagged by the liquor lobby represented at this time by Senator DeCamp and we should not do that, Mr. President. We should follow the rules to take up that reconsideration motion.

PRESIDENT: If the Speaker wants to take it up he can still put it on the agenda for the...after this or later in the day or anytime. The motion before the house is the motion that was read. Mr. Speaker, do you have anything you want to respond to? The Chair is going to rule that there is a motion before the house. That doesn't preclude Senator Kelly or anybody else from having other motions but in keeping with the Speaker's order and agenda, LB 221 follows. We should vote on the suspension first and then if there is anything else you want to do, why you can.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, since he commented, I would like to comment.

PRESIDENT: All right. I think that is only fair.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It was my understanding that this was the procedure the Speaker took to try to expedite things and get several matters that have been discussed processed. I question whether the reconsideration motion is a valid way on General File when you have three opportunities and I think that will be a matter but since Senator Kelly feels he doesn't want to utilize this method to bring his bill for immediate attention, I will humbly withdraw the motion.