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petuating itself on this floor just as the motion, the agenda, that the Speaker mentioned yesterday when he said we will suspend the rules and take up a group of bills. He did not say we will take up bill so and so and so and so and so and suspend the rule on each one. Senator Kelly had every right to expect that we would suspend the rules once and consider all of those motions but then the cleverness starts to leak into this place, much of it filtering from rooms outside this place and it was decided that by making these individual considerations they could easily defeat Senator Kelly's consideration of his bill today by imposing a 5 vote overburden. I suggest to you, gentlemen, we are losing face, not just with the public, but with our fellow members when we elect to treat unfairly a fellow Senator for the sake of someone who is not a member of this body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I am going to speak in a temperate tone of voice through my entire speech and I hope that distinguishes me from some of my colleagues and also it will not lose the attention of the body just because I keep my voice low. I am going to speak with respect to the language of the rules that guide us here. We have actually the case that the rules are not particularly explicit in this general balancing problem. The rules fail us I guess you could actually say but there is a balancing of two sentences in our rules that we have to weigh against each other. The first is pointed to by the Fowler-Lewis group that seeks to uphold the Speaker when they say when a question has been decided it shall be in order for any member voting with the prevailing side et cetera and then they hang the question, the important language "has been decided". Compared to that language which supports Senator Lewis, Senator Kelly, Senator Murphy and myself would have you read a sentence further down in that section, rule 7, section 7 on page 41 of your rules. It says, "A motion to reconsider must be disposed of by the Legislature within five legislative days after making the same or it shall be deemed defeated." Now which of those two is more explicit? Which bears more directly on the topic of the motion to reconsideration? Obviously it is the second sentence. As a matter of legal interpretation on a contract where there are two competing interpretations or two competing pieces of language the one that governs, and this is also true for statutory interpretation, is the more explicit. Now which of those two is