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about to be a part of this and I would very much oppose any attempt to move this bill until I at least know what the fee is, who is handling it, how it is administered, where the funds go. We don't know a blessed thing about this bill any more. It came out in committee as a general fund. Then suddenly it became a tax. Now it is a fee. I don't know, tomorrow it may be a free beer and I think I would like that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I will be brief. It was so nice for a few days being able to work with Senator DeCamp but all good things must come to an end and, Senator DeCamp, the honeymoon is over but I will try to be as gentle as I can in memory of the recently past pleasant days. I would see where Senator DeCamp might attempt such a thing if there were a host of purposeless amendments being offered strictly to delay the bill or prevent its passage. Then he would be justified in trying to utilize the rules to at least equalize the situation and give his bill a chance for a hearing and a vote, but when the major amendment was offered by the introducer and then the introducer says no debate, that is an entirely different matter. I heard somebody make the remark that the steaks somewhere are getting cold. Now I don't go to these affairs so that could have been said in jest or it could be very serious but I don't think that the Legislature should become like what they said the infantry was which is that it travels on its stomach. In this case, we would have to say travels according to its stomach. I have been told that some legislators can tell time within five seconds of a digital watch by what their stomach tells them. I am not in that category either. I don't believe that there is a clear understanding even by Senator DeCamp of what all his amendment will do. I cannot even intelligently speak against this amendment because to do that I would have to understand what it is I am speaking against, and were I to attempt to do that, Senator DeCamp, perhaps I could agree with the amendment if I understood it. But if I were to speak too long now, they might say what I have occasion to say to people that, and this would be said about Chambers, he speaks most learnedly, Senator DeCamp, on the wrong side of an issue about which he is profoundly ignorant. So in order for that not to happen to me, I am simply going to speak right now against the motion to suspend the rules. Let me look at my sheet. On the merits of the amendment, Senator DeCamp, do you feel that any of us should try to vote on this bill without understanding what it is provided