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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I just wanted to ask what rule would have to be suspended to read the bill?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Read the amendment again or the proposition again, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, we would be suspending Rule 6, Sec. 7c and d, Subsection c and d.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you mind reading it if you haven't?

CLERK: No, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

CLERK: We would be suspending the rule that deals with Final Reading motions and; To recommit a bill to Select File for specific amendment, which amendment may be adopted by a vote of a majority of the elected members; Provided, however, if the proposed amendment be to add the emergency clause, it may be adopted by a two-thirds vote. Any bill returned to Select File for a specific amendment, may if the amendment is rejected, be readvanced to Final Reading without going through E & R. A motion to so advance shall require the concurrence of a majority of the elected membership.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I don't think that rule would have to be suspended because that rule relates, first of all, to the propriety of such a motion and then how that motion is to be disposed of but I don't think the rule relates to a situation where a motion is placed on a bill by somebody other than the introducer and that motion is allowed to hold the bill from moving through the regular course of the legislative procedure. So I would take the position that all we would have to do is read the bill, that there is no rule which allows a motion to hold a bill up in this fashion and I would advise the body not to on an ad hoc basis interpret an existing rule to allow a motion to continue to hold up a bill in this fashion. So I am in favor of reading the bill but I don't think we need to suspend a rule to do it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, in the interest of time, this bill would not be harmed irreparably by laying over but I will tell you what the amendment is about. In fact the amendment that Senator Goodrich is offering is really not necessary because what he is attempting to do is to change