

purpose of the E & R amendments, it was my recollection last year that we adopted rules so that this could not be used to force an obstruction of a bill, to force machine votes on it, so on and so forth. I think that is indicated in the rules when this is nothing more than readvancement for the E & R amendments, and I would like a ruling from the Chair on this point and I think if the Chair will take the time and I hate to put the Legislature to this burden, but if one member begins using this, E & R breaks down completely. I think if you will check the debate last year on this subject when this rule was adopted, this was the concept that was tried to be overcome with that adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, you asked for a ruling. We are speaking to page 32 of the rules and we are speaking, well, I know at the top of the page you pointed out some language and then I am going to refer you to Rule 6, subsection (h) on page 32. "Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this section, if the E & R Committee returns a bill to Select File from engrossment, then only specific Enrollment and Review amendments may be considered." I find no language in there that indicates...that sustains your contention, but let me say this as an editorial comment. I have noticed this several times this session. It is my opinion that even if this is not backed up in the rule book at the moment that E & R should not constantly be returning bills to Select File after they take care of whatever their business is. I think E & R is doing this to protect itself. In case there are any mistakes, it has replaced the bill so and I believe that the E & R personnel were under criticism last year for alleged changing of certain language so they are trying to protect themselves, and in the process of protecting themselves, they do make it difficult whether we are talking about this bill or other bills. So I think that, and I in discussing this with the Chairman of the Rules Committee, that there ought to be an attempt to clarify this particular procedure, but I do not sustain your point.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I accept your ruling and would like to make the following editorial comment in respect to that. The way this functions now no longer is the Legislature then the controller, the master of votes on issues. It becomes whim, caprice, a man or woman or somebody in E & R decides the fate of the state literally by how they happen to handle things. Again the vote means nothing anymore. You can have 25 votes at a particular time. You can have your bill advanced. It becomes a totally capricious system. I would hope....I think this is never intended. I think the