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and (c), Proposed Revamp of Rule Three.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All three paragraphs. The motion is the adoption of Section 1, Committees in General, page 1. Senator Goodrich, do you wish to speak to that motion?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, and even going from that motion on forward because, Senator Fowler, you sent out the first batch of rules so that we had a chance to review them and know what was in them. You are now asking us to proceed with thirty-one pages of rule changes without having an opportunity to review and digest these. Now just take, for example, the very first page here which is the three paragraph item. In section (b), the second paragraph, I am wondering, for example, if you are not opening up a Pandora's box there because you are saying in essence that if the committee feels that the subject matter can be interpreted as their jurisdiction that they can go ahead with that subject matter. I think they can anyhow but I happen to know, for example, that there is a little bit of difference of opinion between committees on the assignment of some bills and at the beginning of last session it got rather warm around here because of the differences between the two committees. I am suggesting, for example, that maybe we are proceeding too fast with the rest of these rules changes. We should at least have a night to review, read them, review them, digest them, find out what the devil they have got in them. I would suggest to you that since the Legislature here is not really back at full strength yet, I don't think, that you are kind of treading on soft water if you don't lay them over until tomorrow because you have got to have thirty votes on each one of these.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes....Senator Fowler, do you want to.....?

SENATOR FOWLER: Could I maybe make a response. I think, Senator Goodrich, the reason these were unable to be mailed out to you beforehand is that the Rules Committee, we discussed Monday this section and it took longer than we realized or longer than we expected and we had to discuss them yesterday morning so the Rules Committee did not finish with these until yesterday morning. The staff worked diligently to have them typed up and I handed them out this morning. Now I did not expect them to come up today and I felt that there would be provided time for people to read over them and it is not my intent to push anything before people if they do not feel that they have