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had the chance to fully consider them. I think a lot depends upon our presiding officer and the other members of the Legislature. If people wish to have more time to consider these, I certainly have no objection to that. I do not want the discussion I think to use up a lot of legislative time. If people do wish to take more time to read these, I would urge them to talk to myself or other members of the Rules Committee and perhaps some problems could be worked out off the floor so we wouldn't have to debate them. I appreciate your concern about the large amount of material. I could say that if we do go ahead with them I will make every effort to point out those sections that there has been controversy. Senator Kahle, Senator Murphy, Senator Newell and Senator Beutler have gone through this discussion as well. I think that is a fairly broad spectrum of the Legislature. Between Murphy and I, I think falls most of the 49 so I think their comments also could be provided to give guidance. Certainly the Rules Committee is not trying to push anything without people having had a chance to consider it so I guess it is kind of up maybe to the presiding officer or other members of the Legislature as to whether we should pass over this and go to General File or whether members feel that in fact we can discuss some of these changes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Legislature will be at ease for a few moments and, Senator Fowler, when you get through, why don't you come up here a minute. Do you want to approach the bench? The Legislature will be at ease a few minutes. The Chair would make this observation at the moment that for the welfare of the Legislature we will proceed to go over the proposed amendments to the rules and this will give you some background, and then if you desire, we can pass over them and take it up tomorrow. Does anybody object to this? Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair hears no objections so why don't you proceed with the discussion of the amendments and then I think it would be up to the Legislature then to determine if they want to proceed to vote or just pass over until tomorrow. In other words this is basically an instructional time so the Chair recognizes Senator Fowler. We are still on page 1.

SENATOR FOWLER: Right. I would hope that if members are indeed concerned about the content of these rules that they would pay attention to some of the discussion and