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SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, with that understanding, I think basically I am going to support most of them but I did think it important because anybody, like I say, at half time you come into the game and all the rules are changed and we are getting ready to start committee hearings probably, what, next week and I just think it is almost unreasonable to expect us to play a whole new ball game, so with that understanding, I will be supporting most of them, with the understanding it is going to be delayed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes....Senator DeCamp, did you pose a question to Senator Fowler? Okay, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess a question to Senator Fowler if this is the time to ask questions on the rules. On the one dealing with the Reference Committee, could you give me a little idea of what the committee had in mind about the appropriate committee is that committee which has subject-matter jurisdiction over the issue, which is relatively clear, or which has traditionally handled the issue, and I was wondering "traditionally" means last session, five years ago. I wasn't sure what traditional meant.

SENATOR FOWLER: I think the intent was the recent tradition of the Legislature, that is, the last few years. I do not think that we were considering that people would try and document that fifteen years ago or five years ago that this committee was the one to handle that subject matter.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess I may as well ask the question that is on my mind. The thing I specifically had in mind was thinking ahead to 1981 and that reapportionment has traditionally been handled by committees that where last it was done ten years ago or numerous times in the '60's and I guess that that specifically was the area I had a question in my mind what traditionally might have meant there or would I be reasonable to assume that committees that handle those kinds of legislation in 1971, '63, '65, '61, that in all probability it would be the same Standing Committee. I believe that same Standing Committee is in existence.

SENATOR FOWLER: What was the committee that heard all of that, Government? The option before the Executive Board, I guess, or the guidance they are to use is subject matter jurisdiction or which has traditionally handled the issue and I guess the way it is written that would be the criteria