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SPEAKER MARVEL: No, there has to be a reason for bringing it back and it is the Chair's opinion that once you get off of General File and you start debate, you save more time. It is fairer to the Legislature if you do your debating while it is fresh, while the problem is fresh. Therefore, I guess the way we have, at least the way I have handled it, others handle it maybe in a different manner, proceed with the debate until it is over and either vote that amendment up or down.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, in that case I just object to the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, your light is on.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Unicameral Legislature, here we go again snagging a bill off Final Reading, hauling it back for substantive amendment with an amendment that only two people in this Legislature read, the writer, and I assume that he read it after he wrote it, Senator Beutler and the Clerk. I don't approve of this method of operation whatsoever, and I hope there are enough other people that feel as I do so that we can defeat this move to return the bill and get on with Final Reading. Now attacking a bill on Final is a very honorable thing to do, to put out a bill board that the bill is no good and to vote against it, but that is not the purpose here. The purpose here is to return this bill for a full blown new issue. We have a procedure of writing law in this Unicameral, why do we continue to attack it, the very roots of law writing in this state? Can't we cooperate with the rules? Can't we cooperate with the attitudes that prevail whereby we have public hearings for input? This bill has been around a long time. If there is amendments to go on the bill they should be written and printed in the Journal and adequate notice given to the members so that we know where we are going. I object strenuously to these procedures, Senator Beutler, as you have heard before. Defeat this motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, you are the last light on, would you....oh, I am sorry. I recognize you.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question if I may.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Sure.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Johnson, it seems to me that this