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PRESIDENT: I am not sure. In the first place, the Call is to decrease. There was a provision only to decrease, as I understood the Call, so I presume that you would have to get an Attorney General's opinion as to whether, first of all as to whether there could be an increase in this session, and obviously if there was, why I would presume there could be a line item veto and then you could override it but the Attorney General would have to determine whether or not you can even do that, whether it is within the Call, see.

SENATOR NICHOL: What would happen if the Attorney General cannot get at that in time to have the answer to us by Saturday?

PRESIDENT: Well, I think he would. He would just have to, that is all.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Marvel, do you have any other comments on that? Senator Lamb. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I just had a question in regard to the rules that we adopted. I understand there can be eight hours of debate at every stage of consideration. Under our previous rules, we **do** not debate on Final Reading so I am wondering how the presiding officer will rule in that case.

PRESIDENT: If I were presiding, I would rule that every time that you are discussing the bill it would constitute debate as far as I am concerned.

SENATOR LAMB: Then sort of a related question, if we have used up our eight hours on Select File and then we have a motion on the floor on Final Reading to refer a bill back to Select File for specific amendment, then is debate precluded in that case because we have already used up the eight hours or is it not?

PRESIDENT: That is the problem with that rule the way it was adopted. It could conceivably be interpreted that the eight hours starts at every debating point. Senator DeCamp, do you have any...since you presented that, is that within the keeping of your intent or maybe you should clarify that.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, I think we ought to just pass the bill and get out of here and then we wouldn't have to worry about all that. I think that is a problem you face if and when it arises and I doubt it will ever arise.