

SENATOR WARNER: That's correct. That's correct.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: A point of clarification...now then Senator DeCamp moved to suspend the rules and to...the motion of Senator DeCamp was to suspend the rules and push the appropriations measure to a vote without further amendment. The Chair declared the motion out of order, and the question now is shall the Chair be overruled? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Senator Higgins, you were first.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, the only point I want to ask...well, two really. Senator DeCamp's motion to suspend the rules wasn't really a motion to suspend the rules. As he himself said, he is creating a new rule because what he proposed is not in our rule book. So what we are really voting on is whether or not if we overrule the Chair that we are voting to go with Senator DeCamp to create a new rule.

PRESIDENT: Well, that may be your interpretation, Senator...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, that is what I'm asking.

PRESIDENT: Very well. The Chair will restate the reason that I ruled Senator DeCamp's motion out of order was that I felt that I would, by interpretation, be making a new rule. I chose not to do so. Senator Landis. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here is the question I want to ask, if Senator DeCamp's motion prevails and a vote should be taken on the bill and it doesn't advance, that means...what can we do with the bill then? Will we be back where we are? That's all I want to know, and we can continue dealing with it then. Or does his motion cut us off from doing anything else with it until such time as a successful vote is taken to move it?

PRESIDENT: If the Chair would be overruled, the motion of Senator DeCamp would be to suspend the rules, and that would allow us to move that far. If the bill failed to advance, it would be up to the Speaker to schedule it again. Senator Landis, anything further? Very well. We are now at the point of the question again of shall the Chair be overruled?