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PRESIDENT: Very well, proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have with respect to the rules is a motion again by the Rules Committee. It is on page 150 of the Journal. I believe it is in regards or relates to special committees and the ability to introduce legislation, special committees created as the result of an interim study.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Morehead. May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Good morning, Mr. President, members. This rule change was brought to us by Senator Vickers who was concerned about the possible impact of bill limitations as it would have related to those issues before the house yesterday had they been adopted. However, it will clarify what kind of bills and numbers can be introduced by those committees that have been specially created by the legislative body. I will ask Senator Vickers to address his concerns on this.

PRESIDENT: I'll interpret that as the Senator yielding her introduction time to you, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, the rule change that I propose to you is to clarify, as Senator Morehead has pointed out, the question as to whether or not a special committee created by an interim study and authorized by the Executive Board is able to, number one, introduce legislation as a committee; and, number two, fall under the same eight bill limitation as any other committee in its introduction of bills. Please don't misunderstand, this is not a rule to allow that committee to hold any public hearing on those bills, or to have any bills referenced to it. The reason that I bring this up is, number one, if you'd care to look in your Rule Book, on page 30, Rule 5, Section 4, subsection (3), there was a special rule implemented for the special committee that dealt with the Commonwealth issue so that the Commonwealth Committee could introduce legislation. We, this last interim, have had a special committee created as a result of an interim study, authorized by the Executive Board to study the issue of preschool education. The membership was made up of a number of the committee chairmen from the various committees. This