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SENATOR DECAMP: Senator Hefner and Senator Landis want the amendment. If you get your shot at putting the amendment on and then we just vote on advancing the bill, you and I know it has the votes, would that be acceptable?

SENATOR LANDIS: That would be acceptable to me. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, that would be acceptable to me.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay. It just occurs to me here in the last day, almost the last day, we ought to get this moving as quick as possible. Senator Pappas, can I ask you a question? Would you have any objections to whatever procedure is necessary since you're kind of leading the battle on the other side, just to letting them put this amendment up or down and then voting the bill up or down?

SENATOR PAPPAS: If I didn't have a couple other bills that I'd sure like to get up and if I had about eight or nine more votes, I'd probably object, but because of that, I would agree to adding this amendment and advancing the bill immediately.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, that would seem to me to pretty well address most of the problems and I'd suggest that maybe you ought to consider doing it that way.

PRESIDENT: I assume that that would point out that we deal with E & R strictly and then the substantive amendment that is offered in a separate amendment. Senator Wesely, do you want to help out on this?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would. First off, on the rules I would challenge this amendment in terms of germaneness. The E & R amendments, obviously, are an amendment unto themselves and germaneness may be an issue in which this would not, to that amendment, would not be proper. So on germaneness alone on the E & R amendment this would be a ruling you could make and the second thing, if you made that ruling, it would set the precedent for the future that we don't try this sort of subterfuge. So I'd like to ask, despite the fact you may make an arrangement here that a ruling be made based on germaneness that E & R amendments are not to be amended with substantive amendments, I understand that, but I think some ruling so we don't start down this path any longer, and I think it would be