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Have you all voted? We are voting on the introduction of a new bill as explained by Senator Mahoney. Once again, have you all voted? Well, I don't suppose I can leave it open too much longer. Senator Goodrich, for what purpose do you rise.

SENATOR GOODRICH: To call the body to the attention of the fact that we need three more votes and if we don't get them, we've got to have a Call of the House. We've got to have a motion to move to Call the House.

SPEAKER: You move for a Call of the House.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Not yet. Wait a minute. One more vote and we won't have to. We need one more vote to introduce the bill. There we go.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Just as long as you are doing the lobbying and I'm not, why we are all set, Senator Goodrich. Now, Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, hold the rest of those bills till Monday because you don't have enough members possible. There is no use to having to beg for the votes.

SPEAKER: Good thought. The clerk will record. Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I would recommend that on these bills we get an intent on our desk because I've a little problem understanding exactly what they are saying from the title or the short explanation. I'm getting and I'm not going to vote to introduce a bill unless I have some kind of an intent on it and that is the Rules.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Good suggestion. Now back to you, Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, I feel after restudying the Rules on the introduction of bills that the Rules Committee should probably go into this a little bit and I will talk to Senator Duis about it. I don't think the Rule is entirely clear. I think it is fairly clear. Now, referring to the bill that Senator Moylan was trying to get introduced, Senator Moylan just brought that bill back to me and, unbeknown to me, it was signed by the members of the Banking Committee and the practice we followed here and I think it's in accordance with the Rule, but the Rule is not entirely clear, is that if a Committee wishes to introduce a bill it can do so with a 3/5 vote of this body. Now, that bill, Mr. Clerk, Senator Moylan's bill was introduced by the Banking Committee and if I understand the Rule correctly, then, upon thirty votes here, it's proper procedure to have it introduced without going through the Reference Committee. Now, this is the procedure, apparently, that Senator Mahoney just followed and I think Senator Kennedy followed. He had, as I recall, a Committee bill a few minutes ago that we approved introduction of. Is the understanding any different by the President or the Clerk?

SPEAKER: Well, the President, the chair would observe that the Rule is somewhat confusing in the first section it says that no bill shall be introduced except as provided in Rule 5, section 6. No Rule shall be introduced and then it goes on to say, "or by a majority of the members of a Standing Committee whose names shall be affixed to the bill and approved by a vote of 3/5 of the elected members of the Legislature". Maybe Senator Duis would like to comment, the Rules chairman.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I am sorry I haven't been here through this. Maybe I can help. I certainly hope so. I think the Rule, in my opinion, is clear inasmuch as that a Committee