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SENATOR DUIS: Senator Proud, then I would presume then that my motion is certainly amendable and I would suggest that anyone that has an amendment, Senator Carpenter already has an amendment up there, if you desire to change it to the matter of 25 votes for amendments or whatever you want to do, it would be amendable. What I would like to do if I might here, is not to prolong the discussion here anymore than we have, because we do have to get moving, all I wanted to do was to explain the action that took place because I think at that moment it was necessary in order to get the day advantage that we needed and from here on, of course it is up to the will of the legislature and the majority vote.

SENATOR PROUD: Well it is up to the will of the body. Now will the clerk read that motion once more.

CLERK: (Read motion)

SENATOR PROUD: Well, I don't see how I could amend that. I think I either have to be for it or against it because if the motion fails, then we'll consider select file in a manner which we always do. It takes 25 votes to amend. Is that correct Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: That is correct.

SENATOR PROUD: Well in that case, I think it should take 25 votes to amend on select file, so I would oppose the motion. I think for the reasons I've expressed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President, members of the legislature, this is exactly what I said yesterday, when they were running these bills off of general file. It still takes 25 votes to suspend the rules. It takes 25 votes to put them on select file. So here is an agreement between 4 people in this body, but when you come down to the rules, it still takes 25 votes. So we are no better off or no better worse off than we was yesterday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer, may the chair point out to you, you did make a mis-statement. It takes 30 votes to suspend the rules. All right, now Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, and members, I think it was a gentlemen's agreement that there we do this and there was no objection. So I think a gentlemen's agreement is probably just as good and most of the time better than a written one.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Now, Mr. President, if it is a gentlemen's agreement, I want to know who those gentlemen are. I didn't make such an agreement and as far as I know, nobody else did.

SENATOR NORE: Those that didn't oppose were agreed I suppose.

PRESIDENT: Well right, we have before us the motion by Senator Carpenter, which would suspend the rules so that all bills on select file would be amended by a majority vote **a**, only. Today only. That is correct. Now is there any further discussion of that motion. Senator Carpenter do you want to close on your motion. He is waiving closing. Then the question is, do you want to adopt the Carpenter motion or not. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. This is to suspend the rules, which will take 30 votes. Motion is to suspend the rules so that all bills on select file will be amended by a majority vote only and advanced by 25 votes. Have you all voted? Once again have you all voted? Clerk will record.

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