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Maybe you could explain or try to discuss or confine your remarks on the amendment because actually we haven't gotten the bill back here first and there is undoubtedly going to be some debate on that. Actually we just need to get the bill brought back, so give me a minimum of explanation on that and then after the bill is back we can debate in depth. OK.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That is what I am trying to do. Just to simplify it, it just means a disclosure. It means that you open a bank account, you put all of the money that you receive either in cash or checks or equivalent and it means that you designate one person who pays all of the bills out of the bank account and it means that at the end of the campaign the bank mails to the secretary of state a copy of the ledger sheets and it means for example that if you have no expenditures or no contribution you make no report. All it does is disclosure. I think that we will have to admit that perhaps that what we are seeking is disclosure. To tell the people first where we get our money and what we spend it for. That is all the bill does and I hope that the body will adopt the motion to bring the bill back for this specific amendment on Select File. Actually....

PRESIDENT: We are now debating the issue to bring the bill back at this time. Senator Carpenter has advised you as to what the amendment is. Is there further discussion regarding the return of the bill? Senator Syas, do you want to discuss the return of the bill.

SENATOR SYAS: I want to ask a question of the chair. It is very difficult to when you have an amendment like Senator Carpenter has got that you can't discuss the reasons of the amendment that you may be for or against it to bring the bill back, what area of maneuverability here?

PRESIDENT: The Chair understands that but these are the rules of the legislature and if that is...I'm sorry I didn't make the restrictions and I didn't make the rules. I've tried to allow as much explanation as necessary but then the Chair catches between a hard place and a rock because of the difficulty of those saying why should we debate the issue before the bill is ever brought back. So the issue before the body at this time is only to return 877 to Select File for Specific Amendment then that has had an outline by Senator Carpenter. I realize the difficulty you have that and so does the Chair. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: In order to accomplish what Senator Syas desires, and he has a point, I ask that the motion be held in its present position and the amendment be printed in the Journal and we take it up tomorrow so everybody can read it if they are interested, what the amendment might do. I ask for unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT: Fair move, I a...a...Senator Carpenter is asking for unanimous consent to hold the bill in its present position which is on E & R for Engrossing. The amendment will then be printed in the Journal.

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