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PRESIDENT: Pursuant to your request earlier this morning to expedite LB772 and LB984, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I have signed LB772 and LB984. The Chair recognizes Senator Duis for the rules changes on page...found on page 876. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The Rules Committee has reported to the floor of the Legislature two rule changes for the first one we'll take up is one that was presented to us by Senator Thome Johnson regarding rule 6, section 2, sub-paragraph G. The rule change would be any rule to the contrary notwithstanding any motion to amend the bill while appropriated funds of any nature shall require a majority vote of the elected members. I move that the rule be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I support it. I would offer an E & R amendment which appropriated funds, I believe would read better and give the true meaning of Senator Johnson's idea. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion of the rule change? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Will still going on the theory that we ought to understand what we're doing and I'd like to have a further explanation of it. Give us how it works.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, do you care to respond?

SENATOR DUIS: This rule change would require any appropriations bill to have a 25 vote instead of a simple majority on General File or any place else on the board and I think that...would you care for any more enlargement than that explanation?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, now when you talk about appropriation bill, be specific. What does it cover? Just appropriation bills like LB1053 and LB1054?

SENATOR DUIS: According to the interpretation of the... I get, this was the intent of Senator Johnson's. Now, if you wish to amend it to only take care of appropriation bills, that would be fine. I...you could make it that specific if you so desired.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I think we have to be reasonable about these things and if you're talking about the appropriation bills that come out of the Budget Committee which are now in General File that you can do nothing except by 25 votes, that's one thing. If you're talking about any bill that has the appropriation of money, that's something else. I would have no objection, I'm not particularly enthusiastic about it but I won't be here anyway so it doesn't make any difference. But it seems to me if by words I can say what I think you mean to say that this applies only to appropriation bills reported out by the Appropriation Committee.

SENATOR DUIS: If that is the way you would desire it, I believe we should amend the bill then to be very specific, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, this being an important rule, I would hope that the chairman of the Rules Committee would