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PRESIDENT: The Chair does have the privilege of speaking on the challenges to the Chair's rule. What is in affect here now is an appeal to the Chair's ruling. It seems to the Chair that it has been the tradition of this body to commit only full bills. Whether or not it is a wise policy to shift that to allow portions of bills to go back to committee is a matter for you to decide. The Chair simply feels that in the absence of specific authority in the rules to do that, the Chair had no choice but to rule the way they did. The rule is silent on it, and by your vote today, you will, in essence, be making a rule which the Chair will abide by from here on. So the question will be put to you, shall the Chair be overruled? If you agree with the Chair's position on this vote red because the proposition shall be stated, shall the Chair be overruled? If you agree with Senator Chambers that this portion should go back, this portion of the bill should go back to committee, rather than the entire bill, then you vote green. Senator Simon, for what purpose do you ask recognition.

SENATOR SIMON: I have a point of information to the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR SIMON: Do you feel that this bill is the same type as the other bills we deal with in terms of the fact that we are dealing with many aspects of criminal law even though it is lumped under the category of law, the fact that we are talking about felonies, misdemeanors, abortions, it seems to me that we are talking about a whole bunch of different issues and that is not the same thing...

PRESIDENT: My answer to that would be irrelevant.

SENATOR SIMON: What is irrelevant, your answer or...?

PRESIDENT: My answer would be, and it is not responsive, too, I must say, because your question was irrelevant. Again, the question is, shall...Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Is debate closed, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Yes, it is.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question again will be proposed to you, shall the Chair be overruled. So if you agree with the Chair you vote red. If you agree with the position taken by Senator Chambers, you vote green. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 33 nays.

PRESIDENT: I would like to call special attention to this vote. I treat it differently than most of you. I didn't look at the substance of the bill. From now on, I will rule that way that we will not commit portions of bills back to a committee, or I will rule out of order any motion made to that effect. Clear the Board. Do you have a motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk?