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LB 44

PRESIDENT: Yes, state your point.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It is my understanding that the Speaker outlined a procedure to overcome a variety of problems such as reconsideration motions or validity or lack of validity, people attempting to change the Speaker's order, people attempting to change consent, so on and so forth. It is my understanding further from the conversation I have heard in the last seven minutes that Senator Kelly is intending to employ one procedure, another procedure is being voted on. I really think we ought to straighten this out before we advance much further. As I understand it then I can make a motion to reconsider this and with 25 votes...

PRESIDENT: Your point though is I am going to rule the same way I did on the last one and that is that we are now...the motion before the House is on LB 44. Even though it is involved in the general discussion of what goes on the agenda today, under the Speaker's Order, we are just going to vote to suspend the rules or not to suspend the rules at this point. That is the only matter before the House. The question before the House is...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, this relates specifically to the way these motions have been drafted. It says that if the bill fails to advance, then it would drop to the bottom.

PRESIDENT: That's right, that is the rule that we have been following. It would drop to the bottom.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if the rules are not suspended, then there is no vote on advancement.

PRESIDENT: That is right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think then the bill would just go to whatever its place was on General File not to the bottom because there has been no vote on the bill if the rules are not suspended and I would like the Speaker to (interruption).

PRESIDENT: All right, I think that is a fair question. That is what the motion says, Senator Chambers, you are correct. Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Retain its place on General File.

PRESIDENT: All right. Now that is what Senator Chambers is, and correctly, referring to because no action has been taken.