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SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the amendment. Is there any discussion? Senator Landis, your light is on. The motion is the adoption of the Murphy amendment as explained. Senator Chambers, your light is on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, as I look at this amendment, I see the language; information solely pertaining to protection of physical security of public property such as guard schedules or lock combinations. Now I don't see where this relates to nuclear power plants or anything else unless that is contained somewhere in the bill and I am just seeing this amendment so I have to talk off the top of my head but these two words "such as" would indicate that it includes these types of things but it is not limited to these types of items. So I can't say that I am prepared to vote on this particular amendment right now because its ramifications are more than what I think Senator Murphy has stated. They may have told him that is all they had in mind but I don't see that limitation in the amendment as it is written.

SENATOR MURPHY: If I may, Mr. Speaker, in response to Senator Chambers' question, you will note, Senator Chambers, that that wording comes in behind the word "secret". The intent, Senator Chambers, I think is explicit. If you know of an objection to security measures and guard schedules, I can have no conceivable conception that the public would have a right to access of this type of information regardless of what it was, were it the City Hall or the State Reformatory, whatever it is, I think guard schedules, combination locks, security devices, certainly that is not within the intent of public information and these people have asked that it be further spelled out and that is solely the purpose of that amendment and I did receive it from NPPD, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Murphy, are you amending the green copy or the white sheet attached to the bill book?

SENATOR MURPHY: No, sir. It is actually the second set of amendments that were delivered to your committee, Senator, the consolidation of the numerous amendments that came before your committee and then came in subsequently after the hearing, three or four of them, that ultimately were adopted by the committee but it is not the green bill, no.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are we ready for the amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, the reason I am not ready, I don't see what he is amending because he said in his amendment, insert on page 2, line 25 after the word "secrets",