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SENATOR CULLAN: It is my understanding, Senator Chambers, that these bills, there are some changes in the operation of those two boards, I believe in both of them but I think their basic intent and the basic purpose of each is to insure that these two commissions are reestablished. I'm sure there are some changes but I am not familiar with all the detailed changes in each bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the... State your point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, a motion to expedite requires unanimous consent and that is the way it should be because it is an unusual motion of course and under Rule 6, under our General File rules, a motion to expedite takes unanimous consent. So my question to the Chair, I guess it is in the form of a question, this motion to expedite will take 49 votes. Is that correct?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Beutler, historically we have followed this particular procedure and, therefore, the Chair rules that the motion is in order.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would not argue that, Mr. Chairman, but I do ask, does it take 49 votes? And if it doesn't take 49 votes then I would ask what rule would you look at to determine how many votes it takes? All of our votes, move to pass over, move to change order, move to return to committee, the number of votes that it takes is outlined in Rule 6, majority of elected members, majority of those voting, and under move to expedite it says, unanimous consent.

SPEAKER MARVEL: If I understand you correctly you are saying the unanimous consent is equivalent to 49. Is that what you are saying?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I am asking how many votes it takes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: 25 votes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I would ask the Speaker what rule he looks at in determining that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any objection? Oh, you can withdraw your motion. Okay, you are in order. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: I was just seeing if you were ready.

CLERK: I do have some other things to read in.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead and read them in.