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this bill. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I offer this amendment since during the course of the discussion there has been some misunderstandings about just exactly where this bill came from. The bill was referred, and I believe properly so, to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee of which I am the Chairman. If the bill is to be sent back for further work or other problems or if there is a desire to kill the bill, I don't think we ought to send it to another committee, we ought to send it back to the same committee that heard it in the first place, that had the public hearing on it, that had, in fact, listened to the testimony from the various witnesses, that have, in fact, had the executive session on the bill, that have discussed this bill, that basically understand this bill. Now if there is to be a kill motion on this bill and the full floor does not like the way that the committee has acted, then I think that that ought to be the motion, but if the motion is a game, and I think that is exactly what I would categorize this motion of Senator Goodrich as a game to send it to another committee which has not had any hearings on it, which has not had any experience with the bill, to send it back there in the hopes that it will be killed. I think Senator Goodrich should be much more honest and offer the kill motion. I think that not only does that provide a little more integrity in terms of the committee process, it also does this very simple thing. It makes the issue very clear, the people will not be confused as they should not be confused. These issues are serious issues. If one wants to do away with a piece of legislation because they find it has little or no merit, then, in fact, they should offer those motions very clearly and succinctly. So I offer this amendment because the bill was heard by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. We have had the public hearing. We have debated it, discussed it in the executive sessions, and for that reason, the bill should, in fact, be referred back, if it is going to be referred, back to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would caution you that we have two issues to vote on and I am going to go down the list of those who asked to talk to see which issue you want to respond to. Senator Wesely, do you wish to talk to the...okay. Senator Goodrich, do you wish to talk to the Newell motion? Okay, the Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, naturally, I would...Mr. President, members of the body, naturally I would oppose the Newell