

30 votes. He gets 49 votes to overrule the Chair's motion. It is a simple example but the point I am making is, you can't through one device, overrule the Constitution or the statutes. The rules emanate directly out of the Constitution. The Constitution says the Legislature shall be the maker of its own rules. Rightly or wrongly for whatever reasons you chose to say that the Speaker's order would require 30 votes to be overridden. Now I get back full circle to my original point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: In the old days you could file any motion to bracket, to take up this bill, to change the Speaker's order, to take it out of order, to reconsider, to whatever you want to call it. It didn't matter because it was 25 votes either way and you accomplished your purpose. With the new system I repeat, I think this is the first test of whether it will hold up or not. I think the precedent you set could be dangerous or good, wise or unwise, but the point I am making is, it goes far beyond 221. It goes far beyond who likes who or doesn't like who. Now I honestly believe that the Rules Committee should sit down and see whether there even can legitimately be such a thing as 30 votes required to suspend the rules, 30 votes for a Speaker's order. I repeat, the Attorney General says there can be. I submit there can't be but it is the way the rules are written now and if you are going to change that, you shake the whole system so be careful and judge wisely what you do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy and then Senator Landis.

SENATOR MURPHY: Just very quickly, Mr. Speaker, the letter circulated by the chairman of the Rules Committee is strictly the letter of Senator Fowler. The Rules Committee has not met, discussed or in any way taken this under consideration and I would clarify that point. That is Senator Fowler's opinion. He happens to be chairman of the Rules Committee. Now I would question this body that has suddenly elected to interpret that a motion to reconsider is not proper and I want to know where 49 people were the day Senator Kelly made that motion very openly. At the time of the vote, rose to his feet and said, I am changing my vote for purposes of reconsideration and whom among you objected? Not the chairman of the Rules Committee, not the former chairman of the Rules Committee. We accepted that motion and I believe we are obliged to honor some of these acceptances. This idea that is per-