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think we ought to do it rather than using trickery through the rules perhaps as to get something accomplished. I don't like this kind of stuff.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking on the motion to readvance the bill to E & R for engrossment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it might be instructive if we look at the E & R amendment which was adopted, and what I see as the E & R amendment, "Pursuant to the Dworak amendment and the DeCamp-Reutzler amendments, page 2, strike line 19 and insert," and this is underscored, "\$36,950 by six per." Now that is the amendment which the Legislature voted to adopt. Apparently all that E & R did was made it a part of the bill. So we should not have to give 25 votes a second time. The amendment was adopted. If a bill is voted off Select and goes to E & R engrossing and whatever needs to be done is done there, we do not take a vote off of E & R engrossing to let it pass onto Final Reading. So I think there are certain provisions which we could fill in. Since the amendment itself, the substantive amendment, was adopted by the required number of votes, and after that adoption, the vote allowed the bill to pass off of Select File by the required number of votes, I don't think there is anything else for the Legislature to do with reference to this particular amendment. So if the bill is returned to Select File, the only purpose I can see for returning it there is to acknowledge that E & R amendments have been attached. Then there should not be any other action by the Legislature required to move it on to E & R engrossing. It would be different if we had not voted to adopt this amendment, but what I see happening now is an attempt to require two votes to adopt one amendment and I don't think the rules require that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit and then Senator Maresh. We are speaking to the motion to advance the bill to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I agree completely with Senator Chambers. The bill has had the required number of votes to be advanced. We are placing a bill in double jeopardy and I want to further point out that that can happen to any one of us. I recognize that there can be difficulties in the mechanics that come along with the provisions of E & R and all of us at one time or another have had some questions about the handling of our bills as they progress through that maize but generally I have confidence in the group that works with those bills. Most