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of the committee there. Another thing it sort of takes away the power of the chairman because just three people could override the chairman while here on the floor of the Legislature we give more and more power to the Speaker. In other words, only twenty people can't override the Speaker. It takes more than that. So I think it ought to be a majority of the committee members.

SENATOR FOWLER: When we take these up tomorrow, I think if you wish to present that as an amendment, you know, three was not a hard and fast rule. We just felt that perhaps there should be an option and I'd stress we think this would probably be used very, very rarely but there is really no provision right now for this so we thought it should be in but I think your suggestion is well taken.

SENATOR MARESH: I think I would go along with the majority but I couldn't go along with three members, especially on a nine member committee like the Appropriations Committee. Three people could override the chairman, I would hate to see that. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler. You have finished with page nine, ready to go to page ten.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, page ten, Quorum. There was concern, this is Section 7, adding Section 8, there is a concern that there had not always been maintained at committee meetings a quorum. We wanted to make it clear that business could not be transacted unless a quorum is present so that is what Section 7 says, that there must be a quorum present, and it defines quorum as a majority of the members, and business could not be conducted unless that quorum is present. Section 8 is something that there was a lot of discussion about, a lot of options were looked at, and that is a question of at a public hearing whether or not a quorum must be maintained throughout the full public hearing. Suggestions ranged from this, which was the final decision which is a fairly mild statement. It is just a statement of intent that the effort should be made to maintain a quorum. That is what we finally decided on. We looked at options of if a quorum is not there that the hearing would be halted until quorum is reestablished. We looked at the option of that if a quorum is not there the committee be in recess for five minutes while people try and pull together a quorum and I think the final judgment of the Rules Committee, maybe not the unanimous judgment, but the final