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suggest to you that we move to item #7 which are motions and that the Clerk will read whatever motions are on the desk and we proceed. Now does anybody object to this? Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I never object to the Chair because I think he is doing an excellent job but I think this creates a very dangerous precedent, that anybody that doesn't want a bill to go and most of us that are known readers can put all the amendments on any bill and logjam it now. I think that we are making a mistake. I am prepared, because I think I know what is going on, to ask to suspend the rules and I have never done that before in eight years and we get rid of the frivolous amendments and get down to what is happening because I think all of us are confident and capable if this is going to be the Speaker's ruling, that every bill that comes along to file fifteen, twenty amendments to it. I think it is a bad precedent.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis, what was your motion?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I certainly do not want to trouble you in the waning days in terms of trying to bring about the process. I would ask you to reconsider the decision to move from 820 and one of us will file a motion to... there is one filed and I would support it, to suspend the rules and then Senator Stoney and Senator Wesely, I think we could probably put your amendment on on Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, let me...there are others. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker, if I understood your original proposition, after a bill was discussed for fifteen minutes regardless of how many amendments there may be pending, then we would vote that bill up or down. Is that not what I heard you say? So then the need to suspend the rules which we do not have a motion yet to do, we really don't need that because I think Senator Lewis was saying that it is not good policy and it is bad for legislation to be held up by meaningless or maybe meaningful amendments. So consequently he wants to suspend the rules but if I understand your proposition to the body, we do not need the motion to suspend the rules because we are going to get a chance to vote on that bill, up or down, regardless of how many amendments. Is that correct?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think, Senator Dworak, we've got to have the rule suspension because otherwise what do we do