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SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up. Senator Carsten, do you wish to speak to the Maresh motion?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will speak to the motion. I also think that included in that response to the motion there are other things we need to consider and I think the clarification of what Senator Maresh's intent is needs to be clear. With those words I would add comments if I may, Mr. Speaker, that we as forty-nine people in this body may very well have proceeded originally in adopting amendments to the rules improperly and I am as guilty as my neighbor and my colleagues in this body. My experience has been and I think Senator Warner made this statement in our committee chairman's meeting, it is immaterial which rule book you use but you go from there. Now my experience has been since I have been here that we adopted temporary rules that we were using at the close of our last regular session and as we proceeded as has been suggested, the proper procedure is to approach the Rules Committee with a change for their examination and consideration to return to us with their decision. It would appear to me that we should retract what we have already done, if I may suggest that, Mr. President, adopt what we ended up with last session as our temporary rules and then proceed with the amendment to the rules through the Rules Committee for their consideration and in my opinion we should give that Rules Committee all the time they need, starting as soon as they can and have those suggestions put in. I am not sure that I completely understand what Senator Maresh's intent is either. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read the Maresh motion again.

CLERK: (Reread Maresh amendment found on page 178 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I must rise and ask if I may, have the changes in the rules, the amended version, gone through the process of the Rules Committee before they were presented to this body and adopted?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, Senator Carsten has a question. Do you yield?

SENATOR WESELY: What was the question again, Senator?