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SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, would you have the Clerk read the amendment one more time please since many of these people were not here before you call the roll?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, go ahead, read.

CLERK: (Reread Vickers motion and amendment.) (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2167 and 2168, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All legislators are to be in their seats during Final Reading. It hasn't changed any.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 19 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. The bill is returned. The motion is the adoption of the Vickers amendment. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, it would appear the Legislature, for whatever reasons, maybe without a complete understanding but for their own reasons has chosen to return this bill and apparently make this major change. I did not think there was any problem with the bill passage. I had agreed to carry it for the or the Banking Committee did for the task force of the Governor. I would submit to you that this wipes out one major portion of the bill. Walt Weaver is in the back having convulsions and a heart attack now because he can't believe you are really doing it and I have assured him those are real live votes up on the board that have now returned the bill. He managed to recover long enough, he may be dead by now, long enough to hand me this paper trying to briefly explain to you why they have this system. I tried to tell you originally you are creating a whole new insurance system. For the first time the state is going to treat their liability and exposure like insurance companies do, risk manager system, finding out which claims are supposedly valid and not valid and on and on. Anyway, it says, "Changes Made. Continuity with the risk manager system and the Attorney General. You use experts to obtain coverage for area where the claim occurs." Workmen's comp, you have an expert there, so on and so forth. "Three, coordination with Department of Labor Safety Program", which I think your committee has worked heavily on, "to", I wish people would write so I can read, "to 'something' workmen's compensation payments. All members of new Claims Board under the Governor's control with access to the Legislature..." Mr. President, for some reason or other they think it is very important that this doesn't go on.