

on a bill, there has to be a fiscal note. Then we say that on fiscal notes we have to make adjustments in them. Any time a bill is amended and those amendments are adopted, those adjustments have to be made in the fiscal note when the bill is advanced to E & R for En-grossment or E & R Initial. Also, if the bill was amended and it sits on General File, for instance, one Senator could request that the fiscal note be adjusted to reflect amendments that were adopted on General File, or Select File, or what have you. So what we do is, I guess, make it a little more clear when fiscal notes have to be adjusted to reflect amendments that we adopt on the floor. And then finally we say that A bills are required for any bill requiring appropriation. Presently A bills are only required for appropriations of over \$50,000. However, the Fiscal Analyst office has been following a policy to pretty well give an A bill for most any appropriation that is of substantial nature whether that is 10 or 15 thousand, sometimes even 5 thousand we have seen A bills on, just to reflect the fact that there is an increase in appropriation. So I would say that this rule change essentially tightens up the fiscal process, makes it a little clearer on fiscal notes and A bills, what's required, and I think it is a fiscally prudent thing to do at this time. So we supported the rule change. I think it was advanced undoubtedly unanimously and urge your adoption of the rule change.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Wesely. Well, aren't we doing that now? It seems like any amount we have an A bill with the bill now.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Maresh, in part what we are doing is reflecting present practice. It's not in the rules and we thought, well, we are pretty well doing it now, we might as well put it in the rules and formally do it.

SENATOR MARESH: Why were we required to do that when the rule didn't state so?

SENATOR WESELY: I think that the interpretation the fiscal office gave was that they were a necessary act to take and so they felt they had the authority to require that. I think Senator Warner might better be able to answer your question on that point.

SENATOR MARESH: Why were we going beyond the rules now