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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support the position that Senator Carsten has taken. I believe that we are all on this floor or supposed to be when the bills are amended and any major changes have certainly been discussed, and it is a little bit of an imposition I think to believe that the committee chairmen should interpret those amendments that may be substantial for the benefit of the entire body. We are all capable of addressing that issue on an individual basis and I think the bill that came from the committee is the responsibility of the committee. But when it gets on this floor it no longer is that responsibility of the committee, it becomes the individual senator's responsibility and it certainly is under that individual's guidance and I think if there needs to be any explanation it should come from the sponsor of the bill. So, therefore, I would ask that the amendment not be adopted and that we dispense with it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I, too, oppose the proposal. In addition to what Senator Schmit just said, I also have a problem with the words "significantly amended", and I don't know what significantly means. Does it mean 25 percent or 50 percent, and who is to decide what significant means as to each bill that comes down the pike? In addition to that, the committee chairman is not responsible for what happens to a bill once it gets off General File. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Wesely's concept but I do not believe that it should be done this year. Committees are already geared for the workload that is before them and I think that if we are going to impose this additional workload, we also have to do it in a more organized fashion and the Executive Board needs to take a look at committee responsibilities in these areas. So at this point in time even though I support the general concept, I would oppose Senator Wesely's rule change for this session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, all those in favor of the Koch motion vote aye, opposed vote no. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Okay, Pat, record the vote.