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ought to have the knowledge of the cost of the appropriation and the two ought to be going hand in hand as it goes across the the board. Now again as I say, this is not a change. It is significant for a number of reasons. Even a small amount in a small agency can be a requirement for an appropriation because they could not absorb it or even a small amount in a large agency but within a small expenditure program of that agency can require an appropriation in order to carry out the provisions of the law. It gives the Legislature as a whole the control of both the costs as well as of the processing of the appropriation to carry out the purposes of the bill. It is no change. It is the system that you have used and it has no relationship to the other rule that is suggested. It is a separate issue. You can discuss the two together, true, but nevertheless, they are separate issues and can be dealt with separately properly and I would urge the body to adopt the rule change which merely reflects what we have done since 1978.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in view of the discussion that just occurred, I would like an explanation of when a bill and which type of bill is help up until all the appropriation bills are considered because I had one last year that I had to I think suspend the rules on in order to get it read on Final Reading before the appropriation bills so I frankly am not certain now just what the rule is so I would ask Senator Warner to explain it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chambers, you're asking about the motion that I used to make which was not a rule. It was a procedural motion that bills that carried a general fund appropriation or carried an A bill with a general fund appropriation would be held and the bill that you are talking about was the one dealing with the pay for the legislators which did carry a general fund appropriation and it was not a rule that was suspended in order to take it up. It was merely an exception to that procedural motion which was adopted by 25 votes and could be undone at any time with 25 votes or, in fact, the Speaker's agenda undone it.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion on rule #14? If not, all those in favor of the motion will vote aye. I'm sorry, it's on 13, on rule 13. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.