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SENATOR WARNER: That is what I am but I will do it one time for both. I think it is inappropriate to make any change in the existing rules relative to the introduction of bills at this stage in any event. Most of us have probably planned our approaches to this session including the Governor. I'm sure he has planned his approach and I see no point in making a change at this point. I would hope the amendment would be voted down and the rule as a whole voted down.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins, on the amendment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker and Senators, I oppose a portion of this amendment and that is where you are limiting senators to eight bills in the even years such as this year and you are counting every time you cointroduce a bill. This morning before we even started on rules changes I already signed as a cointroducer of a bill. So I'm automatically reduced this year to seven bills that I can introduce as a cointroducer or as an individual introducer and for that reason I would be opposed to this amendment and also for some of the reasons that Senator Wesely mentioned but primarily I don't like the idea of having being a cointroducer count against the number of bills a senator could introduce. I think you should only be limited to the number you introduce but you can cosign as many as you like. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers, do you want to speak on the amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Haberman raised a point that I would like to ask him to give me an example of so I will see whether or not it is a valid point. Senator Haberman, what kind of emergency could arise where the Governor rather than somebody in the Legislature would have to introduce a bill?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Chambers, I cannot answer that question because I don't know what they are going to do in Washington. Because we know that we've had some problems with federal grants. They change those grants. They change the rules and that has a direct effect upon the Legislature, upon our budget and I think that someone and I don't know who else it should be other than the Governor to have the authority to introduce a bill to either conform or to fight with what the federal government does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and I think that is why houses cost so much in California too, but in reality if an emergency arose based on something done in Washington and the Legislature