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I was interested in was clarified. As I understand it, the committee would still have to report out the bill in one form or another as we do usually in order for us to act on it. Is that clear, Senator DeCamp? I mean if the Appropriations Committee refused to report out a bill, we would still have the same procedures in effect of overriding the 30 votes necessary to override the committee decision? Is that correct?

SENATOR DeCAMP: If a bill is in the Appropriations Committee through the procedures and the committee refused to report it out, obviously then one of two things. The bill is dead and we do nothing here on the floor and the session becomes a moot question on that issue or in the alternative, by a three-fifths vote or whatever it is, you would have to take the bill from the committee. It doesn't change that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so there can be no action on General File on a bill until it has been reported by the committee

SENATOR DeCAMP: If the bill is in the possession of the committee, of course.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion then on the first proposed amendment to the rules? Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Senator DeCamp, you said if the bill is in possession of the committee. Are we...is the possibility exists that a bill may not be referenced to a committee? Is that basically what you are saying?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, Senator Dworak, I think the other forty-seven here understood that that was one of the proposals. I am saying here, I want to give the Reference Committee that flexibility in proposal #4 and of course that would have to yet be voted on by this body, but, yes, that would be a possibility if indeed #4 were adopted by the body.

SENATOR DWORAK: So essentially if this whole slate were adopted we could bypass the committee process altogether?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Theoretically, certainly.

SENATOR DWORAK: And not have any input from agencies, not have any input from the public whatsoever. (Both talking at once, inaudible.)