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Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Lynch, would you yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please. Here he comes.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lynch, so you can think about while you're walking down the aisle, the question I have is, does this apply solely to an issue of reconsideration of an override motion with regard to a veto?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: So it would not deal with a reconsideration vote of say, for example, a vote to advance a bill to Final Reading off of Select?

SENATOR LYNCH: I think, as described on page 2, of the explanation...

SENATOR HALL: That's the way I read it.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...the language specifically says what it would do, and you are right.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, that's the way I read it and I just want to get that into the record that that's exactly all that it accomplishes, that the reconsideration motion for any other type of vote would only take 25 votes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I think I have the rule here in front of me and I think just in addition to the last dialogue the rule would apply in cases of veto overrides, as Senator Hall indicated, and would also apply in cases of rule suspensions. It takes 30 votes to suspend the rules and if somebody wanted to reconsider that suspension, it would take 30...if this passes, it would take 30 votes to reconsider that. I would like you to look at the rule itself. I am, by the way, speaking in support of the rule. If you look at amendment...Rule 7, Section 7(c), we already have in our rules some cases where a reconsideration does, in fact, take