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amend Rule 2, Section 2 to read...I would like to ask a couple of questions, if I may. It says that may be suspended by a three-fifths majority vote. It also says that it must first be referred to the Committee on Rules for consideration and report. So, what we're saying is before we can ask for a suspension of the rules, a person, a senator would have to go to the Rules Committee and say, I would like to have a rule suspension, would you please take this to your committee. That's what it's telling me. Is that correct so far? Yes or no.

SENATOR LYNCH: Not really.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, what do you mean then? Explain to me, must first be referred to the Committee on Rules for consideration and report.

SENATOR LYNCH: At the present time, Senator Haberman, we're operating under temporary rules. The permanent rules have not been adopted. The section you talk about, about the...any proposed amendment must be first referred to the Committee on Rules for consideration and report is simply abiding by hearing process, where someone would try to change the rules after the permanent rules have been adopted.

SENATOR HABERMAN: That's what I'm talking about. As it is now, can we suspend the rules and not go to the committee?

SENATOR LYNCH: You're talking about amending or suspending?

SENATOR HABERMAN: We're in session, last year we're in session...

SENATOR LYNCH: Right, right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The last three weeks could a motion be made to suspend the rules and the debate take place and the vote take and the rules be suspended?

SENATOR LYNCH: Right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Now we're talking this year. If this amendment is adopted, can that same thing happen? Can we be in session and it be the last two weeks and we make a motion to suspend the rules, can we debate it and vote on it that day, or does it have to go to the committee?