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SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Lynch, would you yield to a question, please? Senator Lynch, in the stricken language it says, a purpose different than that of the original bill to which it is proposed. We all know that committee action sometimes change an original bill substantially and this...striking this out would allow amendments to be offered that were not really related to the original bill while...and thus liberalize it somewhat. Could you respond a little to that?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, if I could, Senator Elmer, the third line down it says, germane amendments relate only to details of a specific subject of the bill, which I hope would preserve the conservative nature of this amendment. This is...it's your time, I won't go on. I'll...

SENATOR ELMER: I understand, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: So I think that...

SENATOR ELMER: I guess it's clarifying in some respects in that you could offer amendments to the bill as it is brought to the floor more easily than you could to the original bill that was proposed by the introducer. Is that correct?

SENATOR LYNCH: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR ELMER: That is my sense anyway, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Did you answer so that we could have it in the record or...did you nod your head or something? I didn't hear your response, Senator.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, like most of us politicians, Mr. President, this is a yes and no answer. Here again, it's an interpretation of an existing rule. If I...well, later on I'll explain why I say that.

PRESIDENT: Okay, there are no further lights on, would you like to close on the motion, Senator Lynch?

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I started when the original amendment to this particular rule was discussed the other day, I used the word flexibility, not liberal. And I