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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, did you wish to discuss this motion?

SENATOR WITHEM: I guess I would have one question of Senator Moore about the process here...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...dealing with these bills. I notice...and we're on request 1261, or request 1239, it's...

SENATOR MOORE: 1239.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. Would have been applicable to the other one also I think. But looking at these we're increasing some fees on some individuals which, at this point, I don't know if I have strong feelings one way or the other. But we're introducing these bills and referring them directly to General File. I guess, Senator Moore, my question would be, what opportunity, under this process that we're using, have the commercial truck drivers, or the teachers had to come forward in a public hearing and give their feelings on whether these increases are warranted or not warranted?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator Withem, there will be a following motion...these motions we're having now do not actually suspend the rules and put it on General File, that will be another motion coming up, we'll do it all at once. But your question is indeed valid. And these sort of fee things, historically in the past obviously were mentioned in our committee hearing as to whether not the teachers or the truck drivers were aware of that, I guess I can't say. I mean it was discussed at an agency hearing.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. But at this point we're just introducing bills, and then after they're introduced there will be a follow-up motion, and your desire will be at that time to...to have another motion passed that will refer them directly...directly to General File. And, if a member, at that time, was concerned with that process, we would vote no on that particular motion, and if it does not pass then these would be referred to committees and there would be public hearings, and