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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, it would take 30 votes to revive the bill, wouldn't it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You could move to reconsider it. And it wouldn't take 30...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Not on General File, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, after it has gone through those number of times...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you could move to reconsider.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: After it's been voted on three times, I believe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. But a reconsideration motion only takes 25 votes to pass, so do you want to go through and change all the rules relative to those types of things, too?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I don't believe that's necessary.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I don't think this is a wise rule. I don't think it comports with good legislating and I don't see any reason why it should take 30 votes to add an amendment to a bill. But before we even get to that, I now want to ask Senator Wickersham another question, but I wanted to break it. Senator Wickersham, what does substantially mean?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Senator, substantially is, probably in your terminology, one of those weasel words that is open to interpretation. That, I guess, would be a ruling from the Chair and potentially could produce discussions about whether or not to abide by the Chair's ruling, et cetera.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, so if we had a Micron bill and there was an anxiety about whether or not this is going to be done in time and there was a need to get other things into this bill from bills that had been killed, then it can be shown by changing here and there some wording in the bill that is