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bill that was killed in committee...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it should require only 25 votes because it was a separate bill.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: You are...you have postulated an example where an amendment has, in effect, a dual personality and you must choose which personality you choose to present it to the floor of the Legislature with. The probabilities, the probabilities are extremely small of that situation, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I just gave you a real situation so that you could envision the possibility of something coming up that your rule may not have contemplated. But that's all that I'll ask you at this point because I'm going to make a motion, I'm going to offer an amendment to Senator Wickersham's proposal because I am totally opposed to it. This does not go just to bills killed in committee. It does require more votes to add an amendment than would be the case with other amendments. I want to ask Senator Will...oh, is Senator Wehrbein here? Senator Wehrbein, this is a question I'm going to ask you because you're Chairperson...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, Senator Wehrbein, I...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein, excuse me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, because he is here.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I am here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, to add an amendment to an appropriations bill on the floor, how many votes does it take?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Twenty-five.