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to be enacted into law, and the only way it can be done is to return a bill on Final Reading and add that proposition?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it reasonable to speculate that something like that could happen?

SENATOR WILL: That's not beyond the realm of reasonableness.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if we had the Wickersham proposal, even if you had 29 members who wanted to do that, you could not add the amendment, could you?

SENATOR WILL: Not unless you suspended that particular rule.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And how many votes would it take to suspend that rule?

SENATOR WILL: More than 29.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so if you had 29 who were opposed to adopting the proposal, then it's unlikely you would get more than 29 to suspend the rule, so that you could adopt it with fewer than 30 votes. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR WILL: I would agree.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: 'Cause if the rule was suspended, then it would take only 25 votes to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR WILL: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And it's doubtful that people who are opposed to it would suspend the rules so you can adopt the proposal with fewer than the 29 that you had before. So, we both agree that a point can be reached whereas Senator Wickersham's proposal, if you adopt it, will prevent a majority of the body from doing what is felt to be necessary to be done. Could this, whatever it is, affect a revenue bill?

SENATOR WILL: It could affect any bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mean even a bill that might be pending