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SENATOR CARSTENS: Who determines those who have unfinished business?

SPEAKER: I presume the legislative body.

SENATOR CARSTENS: That means virtually every interim study committee. Now that, also, each interim study committee may now if this amendment passes introduce bills as a committee till March 1st.

SPEAKER: That is correct.

SENATOR CARSTENS: In other words, the ten bill rule that we thought we had in effect doesn't mean anything because we have now opened the gates and we can introduce as many bills through interim study committee as we think we want. Is that correct?

SPEAKER: That is the chair's understanding.

SENATOR CARSTENS: I am against the whole principle.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Motion before us, Senator Nore, at this time is shall March 1st be the cutoff date for bills?

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I am not opposing the extension of the planning committees and their right to introduce bills, but I think we have a built-in incentive to procrastinate and many of our standing committees may not start writing any bills until they come, until they meet the first of January. So there is quite an incentive there just to not do anything until probably around March 1st, but I am still going to support the March 1st compromise.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Keyes. Do you understand the motion under discussion, Senator Keyes, the cutoff date on the interim on the--

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, the clarification from the chair. When we started with Senator Clark's amendment resolution, we couldn't amend it. Now Senator Mahoney has one and it is being practically amended out of existence. We suspended the rules on each one. Now explain to me how we can amend one and we can't amend the other.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, (inaudible) give you an opportunity to explain that. In order to bring this thing to an end, I withdraw my amendment and I'll take my chances before the Executive Board if I have a drug study bill and I would wish the other committees would have done the same. I now wipe out my complete amendment or my motion so that there are no amendments to it at all.

SPEAKER: No, we would have to have the approval. I think we have before us at this time the amendment to that particular motion. Senator Warner, what is your--

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I have no objections to the withdrawal. I do think, however, that a point has been brought up on the technicality of the previous session study committees of those who have not filed their final report, and there were three or four at least during legislative council and I assume unless there is objections that those committees are permitted to file their reports yet and still introduce legislation during the first twenty days if they have any--any bills to be introduced. Would that be correct?