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committee chairmen that has any before we adjourn? The Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, my interest is settling the matter that came up this morning on re-reference of a bill. I just visited with Senator Schmit and he, of course, would like Senator DeCamp here and I am inquiring whether it would be possible for the Clerk to inquire about the whereabouts of Senator DeCamp. Is that an appropriate request?

CLERK: We have heard nothing from him. We have no excuse or anything.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Sergeant at Arms could find Senator DeCamp or if we can someway.

SENATOR BEREUTER: I think that it is important probably to Senator Schmit in his argument that Senator DeCamp be here. So I will reluctantly suggest that we not go ahead with it then.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I really don't care whether we take the matter up again this afternoon or not. I just want to say, for the information of the body, that I do not concede with Senator DeCamp this morning that there is no point in pursuing this. I have not given up yet on those bills by any means and I am not surrendering. So whether we settle it today or Monday is of no consequence to me but I certainly haven't given up the issue and I am prepared to carry it on anytime you want to but I really don't think we are going to have enough time to finish it today either, Senator Bereuter, but if we want to drag that issue back and forth a little bit, I am prepared to go ahead.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Bereuter.

CLERK: The Senator is out of the office building, Senator Bereuter.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Bereuter.

CLERK: Senator DeCamp is out of the building.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Since Senator Schmit is willing to proceed with it and contends that even if he loses the battle here he will resume it or continue it in another fashion, I would propose that we resume the debate, Mr. Speaker. Does this take a specific motion to overrule your agenda?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I will rule it. All it will take will be a motion to continue with the debate. This was only the Speaker's order which can be reversed by the body if 25 votes are there. By way of explanation, if 25 votes are there to continue the debate, I will have a machine vote upon your motion.

SENATOR BEREUTER: All right. Senator Schmit, unless you tell me of an objection now, I am going to go ahead because I don't want to be unfair about it.