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SENATOR MARVEL: I recognize Senator Marsh and then Senator Maresh. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Presiding Officer and members of the Legislature, in no way are we trying to stop communication. As you are aware, we all receive copies to our office. We will have it in the Journal. It may be read there, so in no way are we slowing down nor stopping communication. I urge us to move on as quickly as possible and vote on the issue so we can get on to some other more important issues.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Maresh, you are the only button left. I recognize you.

SENATOR MARESH: I call for the question, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. We need 25 votes. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARVEL: It carried and debate ceases and the Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp to close on his motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, please understand what the motion is. I am simply objecting to the constant reading of these, not to their being put in the Journal, not to your having the opportunity to communicate back and forth. I am simply saying, I am simply saying the rules say before letters indiscriminately get read, no matter who they are from, they go through a system of the Speaker or the Reference Committee. I am saying because this law or rule has not been enforced and has been lax, we have seen it abused. We have seen the podium of the Legislature used as a sounding board and a campaign device. All I am saying is enforce the rules we have. The Governor sends his letters, or ten thousand of them, print them in the Journal, have extra volumes, if you must, but just don't read them constantly from the front of the Legislature at critical moments when we are worrying about other things. As you have seen, as you have seen, these letters deal with anything in the world. Garbage bills, you name it, he has got a letter on it, bills that are back, before they'd even be passed off of General File. I am just saying, follow the rules, put them in the Journal, just like anything else. If you Senators had a letter to somebody, you send a copy or you print it in the Journal, if you want. You don't sit there and read them, one after another, and the rules provide against that. Enforce the rules, that is all I ask. Put it in the Journal but don't read it up there constantly.

SENATOR MARVEL: This is the way the question is posed, shall the Chair be overruled? So if you want the Chair overruled, you vote aye. If you want the Chair sustained, you vote no. All those in favor of overruling the Chair vote aye, opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Marvel voting no.

SENATOR MARVEL: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

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