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SENATOR BEUTLER: At the time of the original motion the body would not know what the plan is, and therefore not know exactly how long the Speaker would decide to give to a particular bill.

SENATOR HILGERT: I'm curious, just asking, why did you not...what was the thought process? It seems like to me that two-thirds of the body might want to know how long they're going to spend on it before they give it this designation. And I'm sure that was a decision that you made not to have it at that time. Why wasn't that designation of the time limit given at that time so that we could make an informed vote?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think the rationale was that at that point in time it would not be well understood what should be the appropriate length of time. This motion, the two-thirds motion, it can be raised at any point in time, it can be raised before debate begins, it can be raised during debate. The plan is going to have to incorporate the ability to absorb floor amendments. And so the idea is that once certain factors are known, which may not be known at the time that you take the two-thirds vote, that then the plan can be formulated. And if the plan is not formulated,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...then to overrule the Speaker only requires, you know, a majority of those voting.

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, if it's not known at the time that the vote is taken, the two-thirds, then why would the body even vote to support a structured de...this designated structured debate, if we don't even know at that time that this is going to be highly contested? Or is this kind of a preemptory designation to say, well, if it does get contentious, we want to make sure that this is a structured debate?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I expect that most of the time it will be used is when you get into a debate and you know exactly what the forces are and have a better idea of how much time is going to be used. I don't anticipate people using this far in advance of the debate, for example, because, if they use it far in advance