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I don't want to rush you but we are about three hours behind.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let it go, it went in the wrong direction.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay record. You are withdrawing your request for a roll call vote? Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. The Call is raised. Now we go to the third amendment.

CLERK: Read Newell third amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, this is a very important amendment. Basically this amendment would allow us to get a salary increase after the...if this is passed by the voters as opposed to waiting two years. Simply that is all that it does. It says that we can get one when the voters pass it as opposed to waiting two years as Senator Reutzel would have us do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to speak on the third amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, this is redundant because in the body the main text of the constitutional amendment that we are speaking to it says that it shall not become effective until the next regular session of the Legislature. Now Senator Newell would mislead the public to some extent, by stating in here that the Legislature could make this effective at their desire, I suspect. So if we are going to be consistent with the body of the text of the constitutional amendment then I suggest that we would again defeat Senator Newell's proposed amendment otherwise we are going to be somewhat deceitful to the public. I concur that we should have this effective only at the next regular session of the Legislature as Senator Reutzel said that would be in 1982, if the general public were to accept the amendment as we are trying to put it them now. So, I would oppose Senator Newell's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you wish to speak to the third Newell amendment?

SENATOR CULLAN: I call the question.