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SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you wish to speak on the motion?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker, and I will be very brief again. It was the original intent I think of many of those people who were concerned about the original status of the bill to approach any reasonable input to the bill between General File and Select File, in other words, what I am saying, ladies and gentlemen, the effort that is being made now, the some twenty amendments that are trying to be attached to the bill is not fair game. It is not fair. Obviously the rules of the Legislature allow this kind of tactic to be employed and obviously very successfully. I think the restraints that the Speaker has placed on this particular bill is in the best interest of all bills that are placed on Select File, and if the Speaker wouldn't have done this, we could be on any bill for any amount of time. So I can understand the thirty minutes that Senator Marvel has placed on this bill and all other bills on Select File, but, ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, I would hope that you would at least allow us, and I say us, I mean all of us who have made a sincere effort to see that this bill is brought to Final Reading a chance to at least vote on the bill here this afternoon. One week ago today I had twenty-eight votes to advance the bill to Final Reading. Now whether or not there has been any slippage since that point in time I don't know. I spoke with Senator Cullan this morning about his kill motion, if he would withdraw it, simply to see whether or not the 28 votes were still there and his comment was simply this, I will do anything I can to kill your bill, and if it means leaving the kill motion on, then so-beit. I don't know whether or not I have the thirty votes to suspend the rules but, again, I would ask you to support that move to suspend the rules to take up the matter here this afternoon. I think it is only fair play and I think it is only in the best interest of this particular piece of legislation and the literally thousands of people who have come in support of this bill. So I so move, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, you are on the list.

SENATOR CULLAN: I most respectfully call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Are there five hands? The Chair sees five hands. The motion is to cease debate on the Venditte motion before the House. All those in favor of voting, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record.