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SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator DeCamp, you have closed on the motion. All those in favor of the DeCamp motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator DeCamp. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 19 nays on the motion to refer to committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion fails. The Clerk has one more amendment. Read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler moves to amend the Carsten rule change on Page 427 as follows: (Read Beutler amendment as found on Page 2311 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is perhaps one of the most disappointing times of the whole session for me. Before this rule change began, before we started discussion on it, I went around to see who was interested in it and who wasn't, and there are thirty or better people that were interested in the original motion. Now through a series of amendments, almost outright farces, the Legislature has been maneuvered into a position where it's going to be very difficult to retrieve this amendment which a lot of people want. It all started yesterday. The committee amendment was rejected. As you will recall, the committee amendment increased the number of bills that an individual senator can introduce from ten, as originally introduced, to sixteen, which is the present situation...sixteen. That committee amendment was rejected, which in effect made it more difficult for the rule change to pass. I can assure you from my vote count that three and perhaps more people dropped off from support of the bill because that rule change was not adopted. Now we've endured some other changes...some other amendments to the rule changes which are making it more difficult. What I am trying to do is retrieve the situation. Senator Carsten's rule change is a good rule change and people are supporting it in here, and I hope you will pay attention for a while to what's going on. This amendment is exactly the same as the committee amendment. It returns to sixteen the number of bills that an individual senator can introduce. I don't want to talk theory. I don't want to talk logic. Senator Carsten, I believe, is right on both of those grounds. I'm making one point...a political point, if you are really interested in a limitation on committee