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when I came to this session, we spent that amount of time deciding whether or not I would even be in this and I understand Senator Goodrich went through the same similar situation a year or two prior to that but it does seem that every year we have been here we have had things to do and certainly in the even year when we have many holdover bills, I don't see any reason why we should be going home for a vacation early in the session when we have work pending and we should be doing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I think we have taken care of this year because the amendment reads 1981 as a start time so, Martin Kahle, you are right on target and we are going to start in 1981. I can't see any logic if we accept the premise that a week cooling off period is desirable in order to get the information out across the state and I think it is and I think that is what we said when we adopted Senator DeCamp's amendment. Then that week is just as important in even numbered years as it is in odd numbered years. I can't see why we would think that the people in western Nebraska and wherever need that time in odd numbered years, why they wouldn't need it in even numbered years just as well. I think that is the bottom line on this particular concept on this particular rule change. So I would urge you to vote red on Senator Warner's amendment and then get the rule change adopted.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I really don't have anything to add, I guess at this point then because Senator Dworak essentially said the comment that I would make and that is simply that the committee looked at it primarily from the point of view of the public and I think that the policy arguments in favor of the recess apply in odd and even numbered years both if you are looking at it from the point of view of the public getting information on the new bills filed each year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Are there other lights, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Yes, there is one more speaker, two more.

SENATOR NEWELL: If there is only two more I would like to