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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The language being stricken is "any three" in the second line of subsection C.

SENATOR DWORAK: But that doesn't show on this page, does it Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Dworak are you talking about the resolution, the amendment that was passed around?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes. The only thing I have is this handout but it doesn't show what you are trying to change on what I have.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm not quite sure I follow you. There was an amendment filed with the Clerk that said strike "any three" and insert "a majority". Then if you look in subsection C, you would strike the words "any three" that appear there and insert "a majority".

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Beutler, are you making it more difficult to call a special meeting of a committee? Do I understand the jest of it? Now it takes three members to call a meeting and if this amendment is adopted it will take a majority of the committee?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is right. The theory is that if you are calling a meeting against the wishes of the chairman, which is when this would come up, then to be effective you are going to need a majority anyway. So the only increased difficulty is the physical difficulty of getting five people...getting around and getting five people to sign the notice.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I just want to indicate that this does not change the power of a chairman to call a meeting. This only deals with the case if a chairman for some reason refuses to call a meeting our original proposal was that three members of a committee could call the committee together if the chairman refused. Senator Maresh yesterday said that he felt that if you didn't have five members behind the motion you might as well forget it because you may not have a quorum anyway. So this is really Senator Maresh's suggestion, Senator Beutler visited with him and had it drafted. It in no way prevents a chairman from calling a meeting or requires that a chairman ask five members but it does say if a chairman does