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go back to committee, but obviously due to the fact that we are in the short session, probably it should just be killed. I would ask an interim study be done on it and that a more thoughtful bill be introduced the following session. I certainly will support Senator Kahle on this.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would answer a question from Senator Labeledz here relative to how she is going to handle this Japanese pork that goes into her polish sausage. I will have to correct one thing on Senator Simon. He is pretty well correct on the bill but it is not the Schmit bill and as has happened in many committees we have tried to improve legislation that comes before a committee and I know Senator Simon has worked really hard on some of my bills from time to time, with some success I might add. But in any case, we did attempt to make a rather serious effort to address a problem which Senator Merz was concerned about. As Senator Simon pointed out, there is a very, very complex issue here, one which affects trade, one which affects retail establishments, one which affects the public health. I don't like to see the issue treated lightly because it is a very serious issue and I know that when Senator Merz introduced the bill he had the best of intentions. It was no fault of Senator Merz that in the last six months the federal court decided to take a second look at what the Michigan court had said. Therefore, I would hope that although there are serious considerations about the constitutionality of the bill that we not necessarily kill the bill but give Senator Merz a few more days time in which to rectify or satisfy the concerns of many of us as to whether we can in fact pass the bill. I would ask you to do that and, therefore, ask you to not kill the bill at this time but vote to advance it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, are you ready to close on your motion to indefinitely postpone LB 399?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I am going to make it real short. I think enough has been said. I am sorry to confront Senator Merz but I believe he is looking at the green copy instead of the white copy. It doesn't say anything about signs in the white copy that I can find anywhere. It has nothing to do with how meat is inspected that comes in. It does in one place that Senator DeCamp