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I have got the votes or I don't. Either I have tried and laid out the thing to people in advance and they know, and I give you the reasons for it, and I te'l you the only way that I believe this particular goal can be accomplished is to do this or that procedure. I will continue to be up front, and if I believe, as in this case, that a legitimate issue is not going to be met except for following a procedure, then I will also use the rules but the burden is harder when I use it.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I have to muster that thirty votes to suspend them, and once having done that, then I think the issue is legitimately entitled to be considered, and with respect to Senator Johnson's the public hasn't had any input, this particular proposal has had more public hearings during the summer, more public input, more involvement than probably ninety-nine percent of all the bills on this floor, bar none, bar none. So let us not kid ourselves. You use the rules in one way. I am attempting to use the rules in another way to deal with an issue. That is all.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is, shall the rule...what is it 7, Mr. Clerk....

CLERK: 7, 3d and 5, 2b, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT:be suspended in order to bring back LB 940 for a specific amendment? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 30 votes. I would remind all members that we are on Final Hearing and that....or Final Reading and that you should be at your desks. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 9 nays on the rule suspension, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The rule 7 is suspended for the purpose of bringing this bill back. Now the motion is in order.

CLERK: The motion is to return LB 940 to Select File for the DeCamp specific amendment on page 1608, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Landis stated that if the rules were suspended, he would support the proposal. Senator Landis is probably the most informed and knowledgeable about the particular proposal we now have. I would request, if he would be willing, to explain the current proposal.

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