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LB 918

SPEAKER MARVEL: That is true. Okay, the first item of business under General File is LB 918. LB 918 will receive fifteen minutes of exposure at which time it will either sink to the bottom or the...whoever owns that particular piece of legislation can suspend the rules or attempt to suspend the rules and either vote it up or down. Are you ready to proceed on #1? I am on... Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, we may as well get things straight because so much time has been lost anyway on matters of procedure. If these bills are as important as everybody has been saying it is going to be impossible for some of them even under the most stringent debate regulations to be fairly considered and I guess from the rule that is being established here is after fifteen minutes there is not a vote up or down, that bill is dropped. So then if it has some support outside the Legislature tomorrow we will spend a lot of time arguing to change the Speaker's order to move it up, so what I would suggest is that we don't start the charade at this point but if people are not going to stay here, I will stay, but if they are not going to stay and, I am supposed to be in Doane, but I will stay. If there are not going to be enough here to go through all of these bills and give them a fair hearing I don't think we even ought to start because we know that tomorrow and the day after there will be rule suspensions to bring up those bills that don't move today.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would ask you one question and that is, how do you guarantee attendance? We've been fighting attendance since the session started. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, in the motion I had previously everything had already been debated and was at a stage where it had already been debated repeatedly. Now we are talking about completely new bills that have yet to receive their first debate and I realize that you are trying to get something done. I applaud you for it but as a practical matter I can't see that fifteen minutes on some of these issues is going to do anything and I wonder if that isn't in itself, a new rule so to speak, and I really question the productiveness of going ahead.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I will repeat what I said. We start with item #1, LB 918. Senator Nichol, this is your bill. Okay, go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 918 was introduced by Senator Nichol. (Read.) The bill was first read on January 23 of