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SENATOR KOCH: I would, Mr. Speaker, if the Clerk would read it.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch moves to suspend Rule 7, Section 3 (d) and Rule 6, Section 5 for the balance of the day on all bills on Select File so as to limit debate and amendments to a maximum of fifteen minutes after which time there will be a vote on advancement without further debate or amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, most of us have been here on this floor since nine o'clock this morning knowing that there was a great deal of serious work to be undertaken and thus far we have progressed about eight bills. There are a considerable number of other bills that deals with important and significant legislation before us. I don't mind staying here until midnight but I believe that this body has a moral obligation to deal with each of these bills. In my mind there is only one way it can be done and that is to treat each one with fifteen minutes including amendments and vote them up or down. As I stated earlier, if we do not know what is in these bills by now I think that we have been remiss in not knowing what is there is there. I think most of us on this floor have enough integrity to know which bills we are going to support regardless of what kinds of amendments you may or may not put on them. I ask adoption of the rule to suspend the order of the day and advance each of these bills on Select File with no more than fifteen minutes unless you suspend the rules to give them additional time if they are of such importance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers and then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I don't think this is a good procedure. Senator Koch, I understand what you are trying to do but before I would agree to do this, if all we are trying to do is get a certain number of bills across the board, I would move to amend Senator Koch's amendment, and I am not offering it right now but I may, depending upon how the discussion goes, to take one vote on all of the bills from 990, well, from 643 up to and through 964 CA because the fifteen minutes of debate is not going to accomplish anything worthwhile in terms of getting to the merits of the bill. If minds are already made up, there is no need for any discussion whatsoever. Each vote can be in less than one minute. The other fourteen