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minutes are superfluous and a waste of time. So if it looks like there is going to be a serious consideration given to Senator Koch's motion, I will amend it to allow that suspension of the rules that he is talking about but it will be for the purpose of moving everyone of these bills on Select File without any debate, without any amendments but just on one vote, and if they all fail on that one vote, then we can go home for the evening.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have a question of the Chair. I believe the amendment read for the rest of the working day, is that correct?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, for the rest of the working day for bills on Select File.

SENATOR HABERMAN: May I ask the Chair, would you please clarify what is the rest of the working day for the bills on Select File?

SPEAKER MARVEL: The rest of the working day is up until midnight. Midnight, the bewitching hour.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, sir. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have particular interest in bills, in a particular bill and it is almost at the bottom of Select File. I am willing to stay here up until midnight tonight if necessary to get to that bill but I think it is rather obvious, too, on the other hand that if we continue to debate without a particular time limit with just the number of bills we have left right now we will be here up until past ten thirty p.m. this evening, just with the number of bills that are now remaining if we allow them fifteen minutes apiece. I don't think that there is anything that could really be added to any of these bills at this point in time. I think for the most part ninety-nine percent of the members of this Legislature know exactly how you are going to vote on almost every single one of those issues on Select File. So I would hope that you would sustain the motion, the motion by Senator Koch. Let's get on with our business and I think we will become more serious with the hours that we have left. As you all well know, this is it. Any bill that doesn't advance today from Select File is dead. So again, I would