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hope that you would support the Koch motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would ask a question to begin with. This motion to suspend the rules I assume...

SPEAKER MARVEL: State your point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I asked the Speaker if he would answer a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I assume that any motion on the floor has to pertain to what is before the body at the time and I assume that what is before the body now is 995 or the bill succeeding that. So in other words what I am saying is I don't see how you can have a motion to just suspend the rules for the rest of the day. You could have a motion to suspend the rules for whatever is before the body but it seems to me that a motion would be out of order for something that is not even before the body. How can you have a motion on something that is not before the body? So it seems to me that not only is it technically more correct to take these one bill at a time as far as suspending the rules is concerned but, secondly, it sure makes a lot more sense rationally, I mean if you think that one particular bill needs no more amendments, fine, well, it is not fine, but at least you can vote to suspend the rules on that particular bill, but now if you vote to suspend the rules on all of the bills, maybe one comes along that needs more time and needs more debate, that has some amendments on it that you would really like to look at and that should be considered, and maybe one will come along that we only debated fifteen minutes on General File, in fact a couple of those will be coming along. So it seems to me that it really doesn't make much sense rationally, that it is not very good procedure and we are going to get a lot of bad law these last two days if we go with this kind of a motion, but first of all, I would ask the Speaker to rule whether there is anything before the body to which to address a motion to suspend the rules other than the pending bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch's motion included all bills on Select File. That means, to me at least, and that is the question you asked, that the agenda before us on Select File is what he is referring to so I declare, as far as I am concerned, it is in order, the motion is in order. I