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SPEAKER MARVEL: What is the motion?

CLERK: The motion is to suspend Rule 6, Section 5, Subdivisions (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i), Rule 7 and advance the following bills that Senator DeCamp has just explained.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Johnson and then Senator Cullan. We are speaking to the DeCamp motion.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body I can appreciate that at 7:47 p.m. with a Sine die party coming up that most of the members here would love to accept Senator DeCamp's motion. I for one however am opposed to the motion. Frankly, these bills that we are going to be discussing, some of them do have controversy to them. I think again they warrant some discussion before they are voted upon by our members. We seem to be moving with some degree of haste. I see no reason frankly why some of the bills could not move through quite expeditiously. We might end up coming somewhat delayed on some of the other bills and if we do, we do. But again good legislation, in my opinion, requires some degree of concern, some degree of care and we truly ought to avoid putting a bunch of bills in one little package, that we are going to move across very quickly and that is it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, here we go again with the Senator DeCamp theory of legislating. Under the Senator DeCamp theory of legislating, we should just introduce the bills, we shouldn't read them, we should just vote on them the first day and pass them. Maybe we could put together a big compromise and get together and caucus before they are introduced and pick out a few that we like and throw out the ones that we don't and resolve it all on the first day and then we could have a two day session instead of a sixty day session. This is ridiculous. I think that if a bill, if we don't have time to process all of these bills, that is fine. None of these bills have to be passed in this session. I think that we should move with some degree of intelligence, perhaps expeditiously, but lets be a little bit reasonable about the process that we are undertaking here. Now I understand that Senator DeCamp is sincere, but these bills can wait, they should wait. We should preserve the integrity of the process here and not suspend the rules and act in this wholesale ridiculous manner of legislating. I urge you to reject Senator DeCamp's latest charade and his next charade and the one after that.