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motion? Senator DeCamp, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I will wait.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Senator Beutler, your light is on. Do you want to.....

SENATOR BEUTLER: I wish to speak to the amendment at the appropriate time, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, are you offering this amendment? Does the Clerk have a copy of it? Okay. Are we ready to proceed with the vote on the Wesely motion? I have about two lights up here. I will recognize them. Okay, Senator Wesely. We are speaking to the...go ahead.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me read the amendment for you. It would amend Rule 7, Section 1, of the blue copy of the rules. You should have out your blue copy of the rules. Rule 7, Section 1, in line 7, it would strike "one week" and insert "5 calendar days". So what we are doing essentially is decreasing from 7 to 5 to recess which we have called for with the passage of this amendment during the 1980 Session. That should give us a little more flexibility. For instance, this Session, we had looked toward the possibility of a calendar which would not allow hearings to start until I believe the 28th of this month. This change would allow hearings to start on the 26th of the month, Monday the 26th, and would allow for a full week of hearings at that time. So this is a change which has been agreed to as a compromise to deal with some of the concerns of scheduling and I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the rules.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to be recognized on this motion?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, sir, certainly do. I oppose this amendment not only because it is so similar to the other and it doesn't make much difference but for specific reasons. First of all I don't think we should be taking a week's vacation. It isn't our purpose to come here and then take time off. Now as I recall the original reason for this was so that we could study bills. Now if I am off on that, please, somebody correct me. But with the researchers we have, with the time that we have, I think we have plenty of time to keep ahead of the bills that are current at the time. Secondly, this is too quick to be scheduling important bills. Now it is okay to be