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for us to inadvertently exclude people that have a very specific and definite interest in a bill is not in our nature and it is not in the record we try to portray to the public. So I urge you to reject Senator Lamb's proposal and to support the original proposal of Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: A question of you, Mr. Speaker. Are we speaking to the Lamb amendment or to the Wesely amendment?

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking to the Lamb amendment to the Wesely amendment.

SENATOR KOCH: In that case I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands? Okay, debate ceases, and Senator Lamb...oh, okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. Senator Lamb, the Chair recognizes you to close.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am saying the only thing we are doing with the Wesely amendment is to build in inflexibility. The Speaker's order can, under that regime we can take off two days, three days, four days, five days, whatever the Speaker in this body decides. Now if you put this requirement in the rules, then you have an inflexible situation. You are bound by it and there is no need for that because you can do it under the Speaker's order without having it in the rule book. I think you will be happy that you have that flexibility at some time in the future because Senator DeCamp was wrong. He was wrong in his counting of days. Now he is right as far as this year is concerned, but if that tenth day comes on Monday, then you are not taking off two days. You are taking off Tuesday, you are taking off Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You are taking off six days under the Wesely amendment. So his analysis that you are only taking off two extra days works this year, that is correct. But it does not work every year and so you would be fixed to that sort of a situation if you put it in the rule book. If you don't put it in the rule book, you have the flexibility of giving a little more time to the bill drafter and we very well may need that time. We may need one or two days before