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SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, well I have that amendment up there.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the DeCamp amendment. Senator Warner, you are first on the list.

SENATOR WARNER: I don't think I have heard the DeCamp amendment read, have I? I don't know what it is.

CLERK: You haven't heard it read, no, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: Is that what is before us, or Senator Wesely's amendment?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp has moved to amend the Wesely motion by striking the limitation on the number of bills introduced by committees.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, now...(interruption).

SENATOR WARNER: Do you want to recognize Senator DeCamp to explain his amendment before, and then I will be glad to talk, if he wishes to.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, I essentially explained that this would maintain the procedure we utilized of allowing committees to introduce the number of bills they deem necessary and that five or whatever a majority of the committee members are determine to introduce. Just maintaining the status quo essentially, or that people are familiar with in here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the amendment to the amendment as well as the fifteen limit. I am willing to accept ten. If I had my preference I would almost go for zero. It is very simple, I agree with a lot of things that it certainly is true that the committee bill is the vehicle to circumvent the individual introduction of bills, but as far as I am concerned the most important thing for responsible legislation is to have an individual Senator responsible for the introduction of legislation. Any of you who have been here any period of time know full well that numerous individuals come into a committee with a