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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, again to be brief, but I would be remiss not to speak on this because I feel very strongly, I agree with those that say that individually if we are willing to put our name on a bill, we should be willing to stand the consequences. If Senator Goll wants to go back home next week and say, I introduced 200 bills, let him stand the pressures of his people on that particular action. If he can justify that, so be it. If they are all good legitimate bills that that district specifically needs, then I don't think he is going to have a bit of a problem. But to create introduction of bills where there is no responsibility, no accountability, where you are just one of seven signatures on a committee and they go back home and say how many bills you introduced. Well I only introduced three, but I also signed another 150 that are committee bills. What's the difference other than the fact that there is absolutely no accountability? So the one spot to restrict introduction of bills is right here, and I agree with Senator Beutler on the old compromise rule. I think ten is where it should be. I think ten is already an adequate compromise because a lot of people were thinking five and a lot of people were thinking less than that and they compromised back to ten. The compromise has been made. Accept the ten limitation, I think it is adequate, and this is the place to put controls on this runaway introduction of bills.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman and then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I campaigned to come down here and cut the number of bills. I campaigned on a lot of other issues and I have stuck to those campaign promises. I have been on this floor and I have had Pages come up to me with a stack of bills and they have asked me to sign those bills, and I say, what are they? Well, they are committee bills. What do they say? And the poor Page says, I don't know what they say. I said, well, I am not going to sign them without knowing what is in the bill, because there may be something in that bill that my territory does not like or my district does not want. You go back and get me a dissertation of what is in the bill and let me know. So I would like to support the ten rule limit and if it is defeated, I have a motion that I believe will help solve the problem, and the motion is going to let each subdivision of a committee, for example, in Senator DeCamp's, Banking will get ten bills. His subject of Commerce will get ten bills and his subject of Insurance will get ten bills. Senator Kahle, his subject of Government will