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with the 17 should it end that way. I think at least that is the vehicle. It provides all the introductions that we need and then some but will at least tend to place responsibility where it ought to be placed and that is on each of us individually.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a little while ago Senator Haberman gave some real magic words here in his opposition to this proposal. I support Senator Koch's proposal completely but I want to tell you about the magic words that he said. After giving a diatribe against people introducing bills, he closed out by saying, in my opinion a lot of these bills are unnecessary, should be killed, shouldn't even be introduced. The magic words were "in my opinion". Now ask yourself this simple question. What is the only power, the only function that you forty-nine people that got elected that are sitting here now, what is it all about? What do you have? You have the power to propose ideas and collectively accept or reject those ideas. That is it. That is all it is about, ability to propose ideas on behalf of other people in the state. That is all you have got. That is your power. And what are ideas? They are the bills and in my opinion, in my opinion, a lot of them are crazy. Some of them I introduce aren't so hot but the idea is they are ideas, the very essence of what the first amendment is all about which Senator Beutler, my lawyer friend, Senator Warner, rejects out of hand as, aw heck, this ain't got nothing to do with the first amendment. It is the essence of the first amendment, the ability of the people, the thirty thousand out there to say to the Legislature, say to the other people, we think there should be a dam here; we think there should be a law against people riding in balloons or going seventy-five miles an hour or what if the ability of those people through you to present ideas. We have got a system for processing them, the committees. If they have got any strength at all, any strength at all, they will get a pretty adequate hearing there. They might even make it to the floor but at least that idea has not been stifled in an artificial manner by saying, you've got ten, you've got ten, you've got ten, you've got ten. Now it has been presented to me by several of my friends here. They said, well look, if you got more than ten ideas well there is a simple solution, you farm them out. You tell Senator So-and-So, well this is your idea, now you carry this one and I will kind of help you and so on and so forth. I have used it. You forced it. The point is you are trying to make everybody all identical. You can't have more than ten original thoughts. Your people in