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with 25 votes and then we move on to the last part of the rules. I would like to offer at this point, we have adopted a change now in our bill limitations and let me tell you as Rules Committee chairman, if there is an abuse or any problems with this change that occurs during this next session, we have the option at the start of the next session to change back and I will be the first one to lead that change if there are any problems which occur and I urge your adoption of this section of the rules. We need it in the rules. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Rule 5, Section 5, as amended as part of the permanent rules. All in favor of that.... Pardon me? Yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I think we've got down to the nitty gritty part of it now. We have had a lot of short speeches and brief speeches that lasted six minutes this morning. We have had a lot of abuses in things that we do in the Legislature. I guess I would like to call your attention to the Legislative Update that was printed and on word of honor, we were supposed to use it discreetly and with discretion so that it would be a public service. This was abused by some of the members. I think we also have the same problem with bills. I feel that if we only have so many minutes time in this world and so many minutes time for us as individuals in the Legislature and our Speaker has warned us time and again of that and will in this session I am sure. I guess you could say we are wasting time right now because we are not discussing something of substance to the State of Nebraska. I think it is the biggest mistake we have made since I have been here at least if we open the gates and let a thousand bills come in this year, whatever it might be. It may not be that many but I think Senator Beutler was absolutely correct when he said we were putting restrictions on ourselves by adding too many bills. Hundreds are not going to see the light of day. We may not even get through with public hearings until June 2, 3 or 4th when the Speaker wants to talk about adjourning. If you really want a real honest-to-goodness forthright Legislature, we need to determine how many bills we can handle in a session and not go hog wild and and say, I will do as I doggone well please and to heck with everybody else. I think it is a great mistake if we adopt this rule. I urge you, plead with you, don't do it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I