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He has suggested to you that we should rely on the committee processes and on the internal processes of the Legislature to weed out these bills, to rely on the individual judgement of the individual senators in introducing them to be reasonable. But in the first place, the fact is that a good number of senators are going to give in to the pressure of lobbyists, are going to give in to the pressure of individual constituents who have a bad idea and they are going to introduce a lot of bills that are not worth anybody's time. That is a reality. The second reality is that the committee is not going to weed out a lot of bills that it should and it is not going to do that because basically we are involved in a trade, a vote trading process and if you get too tough on weeding out bills in one committee you will find that a lot of your bills are weeded out of another committee. The process favors accommodation and that is why we have a spending problem in government basically because the entire legislative process as a whole favors accommodation. I don't go to my friend and say, I'll vote against your bill if you will vote against mine. I go to my friend and I will say, I'll vote for your bill if you will vote for mine. Consequently it is a process that by its very nature encourages the production and passage of bad bills and since a number of those bills are always spending bills we end up historically in a situation where government spending increases constantly as a percentage of total spending. Well, that is getting off the point and we have belabored this whole thing long enough. Basically I am saying, I don't think it is a practical suggestion to say that these things are really going to happen, that the bad things are going to be weeded out in the Legislature's internal processes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Beutler amendment to the rule. All those in favor of that amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. This requires 25 vctes. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Okay, clear the bcard. The question before the House is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please return to their seats. Unauthorized personnel leave the floor and record your presence. Senator Warner, Senator Cope, Senator Schmit is excused until he returns. Senator Fowler, Senator Newell, Senator Higgins. We are looking for Senator Higgins, Ray. Did you get a hold of