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CLERK: You wanted it three-fourths, Senator?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It is intended to be three-fourths, yes.

CLERK: In both instances on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, both the same. With regards, Senator Marsh, to the number of votes it requires and with regards to the time limits, I don't personally have...you know you draw these numbers out of the air. You try to figure out what is fair. I think it is somewhat subjective. I know I'm not personally involved in definitely any numbers within certain reasonable ranges, and if the body would like to try out some amendments to see if one or another figure would be more suitable, that is fine with me.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Clerk, I would like to propose an amendment to change the figure to two-thirds.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Marsh, would you like to speak on your amendment to Senator Beutler's amendment, I believe?

SENATOR MARSH: I simply would like to say that I think two-thirds is a figure with which we have worked, where it is a strong majority of the body, and if this is to be used as a mechanism, it should be a figure, rather than three-fourths, I think that two-thirds would be a better figure.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Cullan, do you care to comment on Senator Marsh's amendment to Senator Beutler's amendment?

SENATOR CULLAN: The amendment generally.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, may I ask Senator Marsh a question please?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Senator, this probably should also be directed to Senator Beutler. I have been laboring under the impression these years that in our republic the majority of people rule and we have right here in our own Legislature, we have put on requirements of far in excess of the majority and yours does a little bit better than Senator Beutler's...

SENATOR MARSH: But not much.

SENATOR RUMERY: ...but not much and why do we put an artificial figure (interruption)?