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SENATOR KOCH: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any other discussion? Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. Senator Beutler suggested that any time you really needed to suspend the rules, why, heck, there is just a whole bunch of people here ready to do it and he said it wasn't ever necessary, it wasn't ever necessary, in his opinion. Medical malpractice, products liability, all personal property tax bills, litter bills, any major bill that is passed, and I mean any major bill, the people in here know that has been the ultimate way the bill had to pass. In other words, you had to suspend the rules to get the bill passed. Why? Because it was possible and it will be possible now since there was no cloture adopted for any one member, any two members, any five members, but any one member, actually, to take the entire session of this Legislature and lock the Legislature up in one bill. Now I am not going to live or die whether you do or don't adopt this because I know further down the road I will be able to get up and stand up like I did last year on personal property tax and previous years on the other bills and I will be able to say, "See! I told you so". You will finally resort, whether you are for or against the bill, you will finally resort to breaking the filibuster or the deadlock by suspending the rules and bringing it to a head. You could have done that with cloture. You rejected that. I don't think you should go ahead and add these additional three votes. Thirty votes it takes to suspend the rules now and that is quite a chunk of people when you have only got forty-nine you are working with. That is a pretty good hunk of people already. You add another three on I just think you add another ten hours of debate on each bill until three or four more people become frustrated. No matter what side you are on, you are going to become frustrated on some bills this year and you people know it that have been here in the past. So I don't think you should adopt this, and my friend, Senator Chambers, and I, we disagree annually about this so that is nothing new and we always know that that is the way I have to resort to quite frankly to get around Ernie, I have to suspend the rules. So Ernie wants me to work a little harder, that is all.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any other discussion? Okay, Senator Beutler, are you going to close?