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SENATOR NEWELL: Just listen is all I really ask. This motion which is to limit the number of rules, this is a motion that I have offered as an amendment to the Wesely amendment and it is to limit the number of rules that any legislator can introduce for any two year period to seventeen. See very similar to the rules proposal that... the limitation on bills that we have had heretofore. Now this limitation on the number of rules I think would do much for this body's judicious response to the number of rules and also help move along the logjam that we have had in this early, early part of the session. With Senator Beutler's attention and with the point that I have just made I would ask the Clerk, with that explanation, to withdraw that motion I would appreciate it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, do you wish to be recognized? Okay, your light was on. Senator DeCamp, was your light on? I mean your light is on. Do you want to speak?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, we've come to a sorry state. In a little while I am going to offer something that nobody will like but I hope maybe it can settle it. I think a limitation is maybe a cosmetic thing but as long as it is reasonable and one within the parameters of what everybody operated under for the last six or eight months and what they thought, I don't see that everybody can't live with something. The motion is going to be something like this, that we adopt the permanent rules; individual members have twenty bills for the two year period. My theory is that if they are going to introduce bills most of them are going to do it this period because when you put them in next year you just bunch them up and don't get them heard anyway. One of the problems that I see that duplicates bills is because when you just want to be on a bill as a co-sponsor it counts against you. I think that should be eliminated and you will find bills reduced on that principle alone. I don't know. I know nobody is really happy. If I offer this, it may not go but I think it might settle the issue one way or the other and unless somebody bends a little here with something and this is a bending on both sides, we are going to spin our wheels for another month and we are going to have some hostile feelings in here that are going to be hard to get over when we need thirty-three votes on \$70,000,000 personal property tax, things like that. So that is the approach I am going to take as soon as I get the wording and do what you want on it but it is my last and best effort to try to resolve it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to....?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, is there anything that the Clerk has to read into the record?