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amendment and I oppose the motion. I hope you uphold the Executive Board as they referred the bill.

PRESIDENT: Before we take the next speaker, the Chair would like to introduce some 45 students from Senator Marsh's District from Zeman School with Mrs. Durst, Mrs. Soukup and Mrs. Walker, teachers. They are in the north balcony. Would you recognize these students from Zeman School? Welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I also oppose this amendment even though I am on the Committee on Committees. I think that is the wrong place for it to go. We talk about fracturing our committee system that Senator Lamb mentioned a while ago and this is the reason, of course, I am still sticking for the issue and hope that it would come to Government because I think that is where it belongs, but I don't think it belongs in the Committee on Committees. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the rule change and support the motion as originally offered. My inclination is initially always to support the elected authorities that we have selected because obviously any system has to work on that basis. With all the discussion I hear on this reference and occasionally on others is the fate of the bill, and once you start down that route of consistently referring bills on the basis of the fate of the bill, you have created an absolutely impossible situation. But I am going to choose to support the Government Committee's motion because in this case I think it can be used to serve as an example of the consensus of opinion of the body to the Reference Committee that we do expect references of bills to be on the basis of subject matter and tradition and that is important because everyone of you in here, everyone of us, tends to select the committee that we seek in organization on the basis of what traditionally is the subject matter of that committee, and when you start to tamper with that historical fact, you begin to create real future problems. But I support it on another reason to go to Government because I don't think it has any significant difference on the outcome what committee you assign the reapportionment of the Legislature to. It never has in the past, with one possible exception and that was usually admitted to be a mistake. But all during the sixties when we had many, many reapportionment fights, what the