

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, let me just for a second try to get your attention and try to frame this issue as it ought to be framed. The fact of the matter is that this bill is now at 55 and it can't move. We all know the votes are not there for the passage of the bill in its present form. If we send it back to committee and spend a lot of time and it comes back out here or if it does not come back out here or whatever the situation is, it doesn't have the votes to move at 65 either. So what we really have is a bill that is going to be debated and debated and debated until we find the magic number that does not exist and, frankly, the truth of the matter is that our present system is the preferable system and that that is the only thing that is going to be in effect after this session is dead and gone. The only other question then remains, do we continue to debate this issue and there are some that would like to debate this issue until we fully understand it, as if you did not understand it now. So with those of you who do understand it and I sense that there are a solid majority in this body that understands it and knows it isn't going to go anywhere but it is going to be discussed and debated, for those of you, I urge you to put this bill out of its misery and the body out of its misery, dispense with this bill so we can get on to more important matters. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the adoption of the Newell amendment. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. This is a kill motion. Have you all voted? Senator Newell. One more time. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Do you have another motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler now moves to amend the bill: (Read Beutler amendment as found on page 519 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I didn't intend to speak any more on this issue but a technical problem has been created by the fact that Senator Goodrich did not...withdrew his amendment and did not present it to the Legislature. His amendment, as you will recall, had to do with the Governor's discretion to change the speed limit in the event the federal funds were withdrawn.