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motion to suspend Rule 7, Section 3 (a) so as to consider the kill motion today.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Only if Senator Chambers approves. He says, yes, so I move to suspend the rules to take up the issue immediately.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the suspension of the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record. Okay, we need to revote. Will you please vote again. This is the suspension of the rules. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 4 mays to suspend the rules and take up and consider the kill motion today.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Rules are suspended. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, my arguments are relatively simple. At fifty-five with existing law right now incredible as it sounds we have two things going for us. One, we can go sixty-five and, two, we are in compliance with the federal law. Now you can say that ain't right and wrong and all that. Those are the facts. At fifty-five, right now we are in compliance with the federal law. It has been to the Supreme Court, and if you want to pay \$10 and risk it and go sixtyfive, you can do it. That is the situation now. Now here is what the bill does, and there apparently isn't...there aren't the votes to get it sixty-five and get it passed which, quite frankly, I would like but here is what the bill does now. It says you can go sixty, which means now you are out of compliance with the federal law, so you haven't gained anything there. Now you are fighting with the feds, and to the people that think they are going to be able to go sixty, they are actually going to be lowered five miles from what they could go right now under fifty-five, because at sixty-one, the whole system comes into play. Senator Beutler eliminated that special thing that the Supreme Court said is legal, that the feds apparently have accepted, and that we are the only state that has but that we have kind of gotten used to here and kind of like. And so for this reason alone, because there is no net benefit and a lot of deficits in the bill, one, we are out of federal compliance, and you can say they aren't going to enforce it. All they said in the articles was that they weren't going to put any more federal money to enforce it as far as safety goes. All they have to do though is, I think Senator Peterson and some others may have commented, just withhold funds now. They don't have to jack around and