

year resulting in the waste of better than a hundred thousand dollars or more. In addition the Historical Society, for example, has spent a substantial amount of money on private mailings informing its constituents of what is happening. Now these mailings were funded by private donations as I understand it and not on public funds but once again, here is an expenditure of monies of the people of the State of Nebraska which will happen again next year unless it is ascertained that these bills will not be introduced again next year. In addition to that, Senator DeCamp himself indicated that he had received over a thousand letters on one of these bills. Well that is another tremendous expenditure of citizen time and money which will be reproduced again next year if these bills are introduced again next year. So what I am suggesting to you is that we do not allow these bills to be withdrawn at this point, that we get definite word from the Governor as to whether these bills are going to be reintroduced next year or not. If they are not being reintroduced next year then I suppose the best thing we can do is allow Senator DeCamp to withdraw them, cut our losses at the hundreds of thousands and call it quits but if they are going to be reintroduced next year, then to avoid...

**SPEAKER MARVEL:** Fifteen seconds.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** ...then to avoid these wasteful expenditures, I think that we should go ahead and hold the public hearings and then if the committee so choose to hold them in committee for a year. If we need more time to get organized, if we need more time for lobbying or whatever, we can do it without wasting all that money. The rule against cancelling notices of public hearings is a good rule and it is designed to preclude just the kind of waste that is about to take place if these bills are withdrawn. So I think you should think very seriously about voting in favor of a motion to suspend the rules to withdraw these particular bills. Thank you.

**SPEAKER MARVEL:** Senator Fowler and then Senator Wesely.

**SENATOR FOWLER:** Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as I am sure most of you know I have a friend in this Legislature who is a Republican. I was best man at his wedding, I helped name his child and even though he didn't come to my wedding he is still a friend. In spite of that it would be tempting to take advantage in a partisan way of this situation. One could describe the legislative effort behind these bills as chaotic, disorganized, ill-advised. Words like fiasco, failure might leap to one's vocabulary. One could stand up and quote Jerry Warner and say, "Why fix it if it is not broke." One could stand up and ask, "Who wanted these changes in law?" What was wrong with the Game and Parks