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opportunity to discuss the motion itself. Is that right?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Once again, I will wait until then and waive any closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of suspending the rules vote aye, opposed vote no. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 1 nay to suspend the rules so as to cancel the public hearings, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the rules are suspended.

CLERK: Now the motion is to withdraw LB 537, LB 538, LB 539 and LB 540.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to address four issues. First of all, the origins of the Task Force, second of all, the history of the four bills involved here, third, the Task Force plans here in the Legislature this year and, finally, an answer to the objections, criticism raised by the opponents. The origins of the Task Force, somewhat over a year ago the Governor announced, I think before this Legislature, that he was going to form a citizens task force for the purpose of government, primarily of executive reorganization. He formed that Task Force. He appointed some of the most respected citizens of this state to be involved. They donated tens, nay, hundreds of thousands of dollars of their own time and money to preparing what they believed was a complete government reorganization, some seventy to eighty recommendations. From those recommendations the Governor went through them and he selected what he thought were the heart of those recommendations and then he went to various individual legislators and asked the legislators to introduce them. Fifteen of those recommendations we have before us in one form or another this year and they are what we would hope would be the essence of the Task Force reorganization. They include biannual appropriations sponsored by Senator Warner, Health Department code change sponsored by Senator Cullan, forms management sponsored by Senator DeCamp and Maresh, annual reports sponsored by Senator Lowell Johnson, cigarette tax changes and we may have some very major changes there sponsored by Senator Marvel, educational lands and funds changes, constitutional changes by Senator Warner, abolition of the weather modification sponsored by Senator Schmit, transfer