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SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, will you respond?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I guess.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator DeCamp, your proposal of sitting down around a round table and discussing this and ironing it out I feel is an excellent proposition and a good suggestion. However, what I would like to ask is why do you want to wait and advance the bill rather than to do that now before we advance the bill?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Because we have got a lot of things to process. This gets it into the orderly process and it is an indication to the public and to the legislators that we are willing to do something on this subject should the bill advance and so on and so forth. I just think it is a more effective way to deal with it rather than to spend the next two or three days here on General File.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Would you be willing to sit down with those people who are putting all the amendments on and trying to work something out before the bill advanced?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I am always willing to sit down at any time with anybody and try to work something out but I think with all the issues we have to process, I think you should get an initial vote on whether you are going to proceed with the idea of dealing with the vet college subject this year in one form or another or not proceed, and I think the indication on General File advancement would give, as I repeat, the signal to the public that, yes, we are going to be doing something in this area or, no, we are not. So I think that is why it should be advanced.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you. It would give impetus to the bill also to advance it first. I would suggest that we iron these things out and then go ahead and advance the bill. I will probably vote to advance the bill if we get that far but I am also going to support the Vickers amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question.

SENATOR CLARK: The previous question has been called for, do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.