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SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I think comparison was made with a rodeo on this liability and I think that is totally erroneous. If you get on an animal or you take part in a rodeo you are dealing with an animal that isn't going to calculate to throw you off in a high spin but nothing but a dumb animal but in this case with a mechanical bull the person riding the bull may sit there in a line where they are running that bull with moderate speed and then Joe Doaks gets up there and they shove the speed and spin him off at several times the speed maybe previous. So the person that holds the button and controls the speed on the mechanical bull has full control in spinning that person off. Now that person that has control should take the responsibility if that other person gets injured. You are not dealing with a dumb animal in this case. You are dealing with a person, with a person in that bar that has control of another person's throw off that bull. It isn't dealing with animals. I think it is a totally different criteria. I think it is reasonable that in that bar when people come through that line and get on that mechanical bull, that the owner maintains some liability on that thing if he is going to set a situation where someone is set up to get spun off very rapidly where they haven't even seen that happen before when they go into that bar. So I certainly support this amendment. I think it is a good amendment and a reasonable one. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator...do you want to close? Okay. The motion is to return the bill for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to return the bill. Have you all voted?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for a roll call vote after everybody is in their seat. I know we are on Final Reading so I won't ask for a Call of the House.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to record your presence and then we will go into the roll call. Senator Wesely, do you want to record your presence, please. Senator Rumery. Okay, there is six absent. Call the roll.