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without a public hearing and making major, major changes...

SENATOR HEFNER PRESIDING

SENATOR HEFNER: Your time is up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in the law. Senator Hefner, I would ask unanimous consent just for sixty more seconds if there is no objections.

SENATOR HEFNER: Any objections? No objections, go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you. So if there is any time we should be concerned about a public hearing it is now because there are literally hundreds of different ideas in these fifty-one pages that are deserving of comment. Gutting this bill, I would suggest to you, would be doubly offensive to the public. I personally feel that the one or two occasions a year that we really do a serious gutting job in this Legislature, we hear about those, I hear about those all the time and I think it does great damage to the image of the Legislature to how we operate down here but if you adopt this practice of gutting a bill on a measure which arguably takes away the Accountability Commission or which does take away the Accountability Commission and which will be perceived by the public as taking away the watchdog commission on the Legislature, then I think they are going to perceive us as insulting them doubly...

SENATOR HEFNER: Your time is up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...insulting them by a process which is not acceptable to them and taking away a commission that is not acceptable to them. Senator DeCamp's proposal basically...

SENATOR HEFNER: Your time is up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Newell. Yes?

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Mike not turned on.) ...order please?

SENATOR HEFNER: State your point of order.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I would like to ask the Speaker do not grant any more extensions of time on this issue to any other senator as we are going to be here all day and if you grant it to one you are going to have to grant it to everybody. We have had two people, a pro and a con get extra time and I would like to ask that you cut it off and just have it the five minutes and that is it.