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LB 209

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have fifteen seconds.

SENATOR KOCH: That is a distinct advantage of the incumbent being here. The incumbent leaves here next year. Then he goes home and starts his game of trying to get reelected. I believe the advantage of the incumbent and the candidate seeking the office is not nearly as great. So in closing, I would say there is a song that I would like to sing to you but I am not that good a singer but it says, (Sang), "From May to September", and that is what we are trying to do. We are trying to move the primary from May to September in the best interest of the people and if you don't get the message I hope the people will join with me and adopt that as our theme song. We are going to get May to September some way if we don't get it through just a legislative act. I oppose the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You lost ten votes with that last presentation. Senator Cope. Senator Cope, do you wish to be recognized to speak on LB 209?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I would go along with Senator Haberman on the kill motion for one reason and that is this. I don't believe that it is going to save that much time for anyone who is campaigning. I think it probably might cost more money because you will have longer to work on the primary and you will have to do it because there will be less time to work between the primary and the general election. So there may be a half a dozen or seven or eight people that are running for office that will be putting in a great deal of time in the primary probably starting as early as they do now when the primary is in May and working on through just to get the nomination so that they may run and have a short time between the primary and the general. So I, for that reason and that reason only, I just don't like the bill in its original form.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Haberman a question or two if he doesn't mind. First of all, I am against the kill motion. Senator Haberman, before I get into my heavy questions, do you think sometimes the debates are too long on some issues down here?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.