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speak to the committee amendments? Senator Newell...okay. Senator Landis, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR LANDIS: Speak to the Hefner motion rather.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands? State your point.

SENATOR LAMB: We have not had any discussion of the committee amendments. I think that is in order.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are there others who wish to speak to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LAMB: I do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I rise to oppose the committee amendments as now amended by the Warner amendment. I am not sure that a large number of people in this body understand what has happened, that we have now adopted an amendment which is beyond the guidelines which is safe, that you very possibly are going to have this tied up in the courts. There will be another plan, probably, presented by someone else when it is challenged in the court. This group I believe today has not acted in the best interest of the state. I ask that the committee amendments as now amended not be adopted and that we further consider what this situation should be. Senator Hefner has a motion to send it back to committee. Now people are saying there is not time to send it back to committee. That may or may not be true. What I am suggesting at this point is that the committee amendments as amended not be adopted, that over the next few hours or day or so these people get together and discuss the situation, have a further meeting of the minds. I think Senator Hefner has leaned over backwards in presenting maps to the various groups in this body regarding all the reapportionment problems that there are and has in most cases come up with compromises that are agreeable to most people. Now in just a few minutes you have put all that asunder and now we are faced with the real situation and nobody really knows what we have and so I suggest we don't adopt these committee amendments, that