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SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the motion, and I guess now we are really speaking to the Beutler amendment to the motion which I also oppose. I don't think that at this point in time we should be changing the rules under which we have operated all session and every session since I have been here. It seems to me that this probably came from one area where there is a concern that there might be a movement to delay a bill. I believe that Senator Beutler has correctly pointed out that if this body perceives that someone is using this rule to delay unnecessarily, then all it takes is 30 votes to take up the kill motion immediately. You can do exactly what we are attempting to do here on a broad scale, we can do it individually. We have wasted a half hour discussing this rule change. At this point I don't think we should suspend the rules. At this point I would ask that we continue the same rules under which we have operated for the whole session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While we are waiting, Senator Burrows...is Senator Burrows in the room? Do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I feel that the Speaker's motion is essential for the last six days of the session if we want to move any legislation. Now I have no objection to Senator Beutler's amendment, as I understand it, if that is to use the introducer's permission to do it, to vote on the kill motion if introduced. If we do not pass this motion of the Speaker, we will have legislation...first there will be one or two bills where someone lays a kill motion. It takes 30 votes then. We will kill every measure that would have, potentially would be in a position to potentially be passed by 25 to 30 votes. We will kill every one of these bills by laying them over and delaying them the last part of this session. So I think it is absolutely essential we pass the Speaker's motion with or without amendment and that we move ahead the rest of the session. Otherwise, the retaliation that will come from the first kill motions will bottle up everything on this floor as we try to proceed on Select File. I strongly urge everyone to listen to the Speaker on this and support the Speaker's motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is a motion on the desk and the Clerk will read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, as I understand it the Speaker's motion has been altered so as to reflect the suggested change offered by Senator Beutler. The motion would read as follows: "Suspend Rule 7, Section 3 for the balance of the session. After the words 'a motion to postpone indefinitely on Select File', insert 'unless the introducers of the bill request