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reason to delay passing this particular legislation today. I believe that it is important legislation, it is very important legislation. We need to understand what we are doing. I want you to know that I have prepared a letter to the Attorney General to ask for an Attorney General's Opinion on this particular bill. Personally, as I read 512, I believe it is unconstitutional. I think it gives unequal treatment to two different situations, and I would just say that I believe we would a mistake moving the bill today, and that is the reason why I asked for my motion and I would hope that you would turn down Senator Hoagland's motion so that you could take action on mine and indefinitely postpone so we can have an opportunity to talk with the Attorney General.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me close just briefly, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I am sorry. Okay, go ahead, we thought your light was off.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am sorry. Mr. Chairman, I have to ask Senator Peterson a question.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Peterson, did I understand you to say that your desire is not to get to the kill motion today but to hold the bill up until tomorrow or whenever it would be considered?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: The reason I made the kill motion was to give us a day's layover so that we can get a letter to the Attorney General and see if we can't get an opinion, and I will ask him to go posthaste.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Peterson just cut the ground out from under my very principled position that I took in my opening remarks. I thought he really wanted an opportunity to test the strength of the bill by suspending the rules and getting this kill motion today, but if all he wants to do is delay it, then I think everybody will know how to vote appropriately and I won't try to influence you, I will leave that to your conscience.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: (Microphone not on)...and colleagues, let me just summarize quickly by saying that when this bill was