

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone not on)...and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp said he is not going to weasel around the issue. Well, there is a certain alliteration between the words "weasel" and "wizard" and I think Senator DeCamp is putting on the garb of the wizard to do a little weaseling. Now he knows that because of the status of the Chair it is not likely that people would vote against the way they voted the other day, so the Chair would not be overruled, but by putting the same question in a little different form and saying that you are not really overruling the Chair you are suspending a rule, then you can in effect vote to overrule the Chair and contradict what you did the other day and have the best of both worlds for Senator DeCamp. Now, I am not going to discuss the amendment as such, but Senator Koch did make an interesting observation that simply because the word "Christian" is involved it shouldn't turn people off because a lot claim to be Christians. Well, if they claim to be Christians, Senator Koch, maybe I have to be the lion and you know the outcome of that encounter in the old days, but I am saying this a bit facetiously today because I want to concentrate on what Senator DeCamp is trying to do. We have decided on other issues that the rules ought not be suspended. The reason I think it should not be suspended in this particular case is partly because of the nature of the issue and the broad ramifications of what is being proposed at the eleventh hour and fifty-nine minutes. This amendment is going further than what they asked for in the first place. So before you suspend the rules, you ought to consider how much time will be taken in serious debate of this issue because I think if you do suspend the rules to take it up, you should at the same time agree to allow full and complete debate. If you agree to take it up, I would be opposed to shutting off debate for those who are in favor of the amendment although I am totally opposed to it. The issue is serious, but I think it ought not come before us in this fashion. But if the Legislature decides to bring it here, then if it keeps us here until twelve o'clock tonight when the legislative day must end, I think we ought to be prepared to stay here and argue it through and I certainly am one of those who will. So everything that I am saying is designed to let you know that I am opposed to Senator DeCamp's motion to suspend the rule, whichever rule it is.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the question nonetheless is the germaneness question