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the crunch here and we keep bringing this dog up again and again. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you know I have never tried these extensive maneuvers and, if this works, I try to talk a bill to death but I mean I have never tried any of this fancy dance and question of appropriateness and all those kinds of things but I think the Speaker and the Legislature has to consider for a moment the efficacy of this whole process. Now we have talked about germaneness a couple of times on this issue and I don't think germaneness has really been as key to the issue. It is all a question of has it had a public hearing? Is there a bill? Are we reconsidering anything that has been before this Legislature? Is the issue relative or relevant? Well, all those answers are absolutely "no", that the issue has not been before this Legislature either as a bill or in any other way. It has not been heard by a public hearing this year. There has not been any question of this whole issue before the Legislature until the final hours, after a Supreme Court decision, and then there has been numerous attempts to try to attach this amendment to a number of different things. Mr. President, I am going to ask you if this gets adopted, (a) whether it is germane; (b) whether it ought to be automatically referred for a public hearing; (c) a number of other questions, because I think they are all very relevant to this whole procedure. Now Senator DeCamp said, "Well, you know, you have to look at the issue as it is, not what is in our minds", except he made it very clear what is in his mind and I don't think we have to question that at all. This is highly questionable. It is not the kind of practice this Legislature wants to establish as, in fact, the rules of the Legislature, and if it does, I think we ought to consider it just exactly that, that he who has got 25 or in some cases 30 votes can do anything they want at any time at any stage of the process. Now I ask this Legislature, many of them who may agree or may not agree with this amendment, whether that is the kind of legislative process and the legislative process that the people of the State of Nebraska can understand, and if we continue to do this kind of game playing, will the rule book mean anything or does the rule book mean anything now? I think the answer is very clear. If this is done, the rule book does not mean anything and I think we ought not even have it to be played with like we have been playing with it in recent months.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers and then Senator Koch.