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ceasing debate vote aye, against vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has ceased. Senator Haberman, do you wish to close? The question before the House is suspension of the rules to take up the motion immediately. That will take 30 votes. All those in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on suspending the rules? We have eight people that have been excused. Sorry, there is only seven now. Have you all voted on suspending the rules? Yes. Do you want a roll call vote? A Call of the House has been requested. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend rules so as to consider the kill motion today.

SENATOR CLARK: The rules are suspended. We will take up the kill motion now. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, seldom have I been asked to speak before the body by acclamation in the overwhelming way I was just on that vote. Obviously you all enjoy my oratory, my rhetoric, the way I turn a phrase, the symmetry with which I turn a sentence. So since you insist on having that I am not going to deprive you of it. I should tell you why this bill should be killed. It is not a good bill. It does not have the support that it would take and I have got to ask Senator DeCamp a question to see if there is an additional factor. Senator DeCamp, were you told that the bill in its present form would be vetoed by the Governor? Is that what you were told?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I will tell you exactly what I was told.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I was told that the Governor would either veto the bill or figure some way so that he personally did not, if he were Governor assuming, that he personally did not take any salary increase whether it be like Virginia Smith's technique of giving it away or something. His concern was the other constitutional officers, the Attorney General, so on and so forth. That is what I was told.