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had to act, regardless of who introduced the bill it would be up to the Legislature to either accept it or reject it so I wouldn't see that as a basis for removing any limitation on the Governor as to when he can introduce a bill. Either everybody who is going to introduce a bill should play under the same rule or we should have no day limitation on the introduction of a bill by anybody. So whichever way it goes, I am prepared to go that way but I want it to be the same for both. Either anybody who is empowered to introduce a bill can introduce it at any time or anybody empowered to introduce a bill must introduce it within the time limit established by the rule. So because Senator Lamb's offering would create an inconsistency, and I think an improper one because it does elevate the Governor who is the executive above the Legislature which is entrusted by the Constitution with law making authority, I could not support Senator Lamb's attempt to amend Senator Wesely's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, on the amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Haberman said something a little while ago that really crystallized this. He said, "What do we do in an emergency? Since we have limited ourselves, we've got to have somebody who can solve the problem. Why don't we give that power to the Governor?" I think maybe that is the problem that we have all lost sight of over the years and that we have piddled out to the public is a misunderstanding of the separation of powers and what a legislator is all about. Do you know there is nothing in the Constitution that talks about the Governor being a legislator making laws, introducing bills? Now we create that. Do you know what our sole function is really? We are legislators. We are lawmakers. So the first thing you want to do with your legislative power that the Constitution gave you is to walk in here and say, "Holy mackerel, we can't handle the power. We're cut off our own authority given to us by the Constitution and we will turn it over to the Governor who is supposed to be the administrator, the executive branch." Now how silly can you be? And yet that is what we've tried every year I've been here. We keep saying, we've got to limit ourselves more and give more power to the Governor in the area of legislation. I say Senator Haberman crystallized it. Now I don't care what happens on bill limits one way or the other. You stop somebody from introducing an idea and remember, that's all a bill is. It's an idea and I don't know why everybody gets panicked about ideas because nobody ever states in here what the real reason for limitation of bills is but what it is is limiting the proposal of ideas. I don't know why you all fear it but as long as you're trying to do it you might as well understand