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this interpretation. It will mean that from here on out whenever a committee takes action on a bill you are going to be looking to see whether it was final action, and if they vote to kill the bill, you will immediately run down and file your motion before the committee can report, because if you do that, you get 25 votes instead of 30. So you are going to set up a process that has no rationale whatsoever and it simply is going to set up a mechanism by which you can circumvent the committee action. I really hope you are thinking about that because it is just a terrible precedent. Secondly, the argument has been from a technical point of view that the committee didn't take final action. Could you listen just for a moment to this sentence in the rule which I think relates. "If at the expiration of eight calendar days from the date final action was taken, the chairman has not reported the bill, et cetera, et cetera, a Senator may file a motion." So the report has to be...

SENATOR CLARK: Please give him a chance.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...eight calendar days from the date of final action. Right there, they are telling you what final action means. It means the date you indefinitely postponed it or the date you voted to advance it to the floor. Now, sure, the committee can still take action while it is in committee, but if no action is taken, the report to the floor is required. It is mandatory. There is no further action. The action the committee took was final and this sentence in the rule clearly shows you that that is what was intended. There can be no other interpretation of final action in that particular sentence. So the interpretation that is being asked for in overruling the Chair I think is clearly erroneous. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Bernice, would you like to close please?  
Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senator Wesely, as Chairman of the Rules Committee, I suggest...

SENATOR CLARK: One moment, please. Senator Cullan, did you want to speak again on it?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, Mr. President, I wanted to speak.

SENATOR CLARK: I am sorry. I didn't have him down.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz indicated the situation on Senator Wesely's bill and I simply want to clarify that to the membership. Senator Wesely's bill was

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