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SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we screwed around here for about 15 minutes talking nonsense now I would like to talk kind of serious. There is a lot of people here in a hot mood. You are dealing with the biggest issue in the state for the future. Now I have agreed to the Nth degree that I as one individual can promise, I will promise for on behalf of everybody I can that come Tuesday we will make this the priority. There are about three or four people that I know would be critical votes. This is a close issue. It might have 21, 22, 25, 26 issues for the amendment, but it is going to affect your life, your districts for the future, and making a hasty decision now I don't think is wise. Twelve years I have been here I have never filibustered and I have done everything to break filibusters no matter what side of the issue I was on. I am willing to do the same thing here and make sure that this bill gets treated properly win or lose, but I am not willing to do it in the environment of a fifteen deal in the afternoon taking it up. I repeat again, I am willing to be as fair as anybody so long as everybody is here, can hear the arguments on both sides and aren't doing it late in the afternoon when one side or another is too emotional or it is just too hot. I think more people are interested in getting home right now and there might be a hasty decision that's foolish on this. So I would still urge us...I would still urge us to get out of here this afternoon and take it up Tuesday. If we have to do it the other way, you are forcing people who don't want to filibuster into that position. And there are some experts on filibustering in here because last year it was at this same time that Senator Landis and Beutler got up and filibustered the Christian Schools bill. I am saying we don't want to have to filibuster this. What we want to do is have a legitimate vote come Tuesday. That seems to make a little bit of sense to me.

PRESIDENT: That is addressing the first DeCamp amendment. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I would like to talk to the DeCamp amendment also.

PRESIDENT: I hope so, sincerely.

SENATOR NEWELL: I want to say that I am opposed to the DeCamp amendment but I do think he has a heck of a point on being fair, and the question of fairness here is how we resolve what will be fair. There is a prospective situation here that needs to be dealt with, the question of whether or not we will be able to deal with 816 first

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