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on a particular bill and I do not recall off the top of my head the bill number. That was the first time. Prior to that time we had always used 25 votes generally but the issue didn't come up frequently because usually we were dealing with an emergency clause so it was unusual.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Carsten and Senator Newell, my good friend Senator Labeledz and Senator Higgins all made it pretty clear that they thought it would be decent and proper not to interfere with 816 or 816A. There were a multitude of kill motions and everything else up there. I talked to Senator Schmit, I talked to Senator Haberman and talked to a number of others and I said the best thing, if they got the votes they passed the bill or they vote on it. If they don't, it will fail. If they do, that is it. Now we did that completely. You didn't hear us make a motion. You didn't hear us make a word. All we did was exactly what I said I would do if it received less than 30 votes. I would just record in the record that I personally believed it didn't constitutionally pass and that is precisely all we have done. Now, that said, let me add these important things you should all heed. Senator Chambers and anybody else that wanted to vote had ample opportunity. If you reconsider, the bill is then subject to any amendments, kill motions, the whole thing over again and all bets and all promises are off. You've got your bill, haul it to the Governor's office, get it signed or vetoed, get on with our other business. You've had ample shots, you weren't interfered with. If Senator Chambers wanted to vote he sure as heck had his chance. My suggestion very sincerely is that you do not reconsider and open this whole can of worms up. Either you are right or you are wrong. Live with it. I think you are going to open a can of worms you don't want if you start redoing these bills now. If it passed, it passed. Probably won't be challenged anyway but I just think a word of warning, a word of caution, there was no way that Senator Chambers or anybody else could say they were denied the right to vote or they had to make up their mind. We don't need any more dramatics on this. We don't need any saviours. You've got your bill. Haul it over to the Governor's office and let's go somewhere else quickly.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I think we all can understand a little bit of what is happening here.

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