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the motion.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you have on your desk at this time a copy of the proposal. I will tell you very simply what it is. It has got four pieces and there may be some that want to split them up, but at least I will explain all four real briefly. Number one, it just gives the committees the flexibility on hearing notices so they aren't restrained by rules on number of days. The Chairman calls it and they have it. Number two, so you will all know so there is no secret, there has been some speculation that I or others might bring up Christian Schools or other issues, broaden the session. You are supposed to have it. Anyway, he will pass it out. I have no intention of broadening the base. This is the Governor's party. Special Session by the Constitution is the Governor's party and we have our shot in the regular sessions, what we want to do, I am sure we can do in January. The Governor has access to all the information theoretically of what the condition of the state is and the condition of agencies. We are here at his request, at his order and so this would simply say that, Johnny DeCamp, you can't bring up anything else and nor can anybody else and that is what the second section is. Section three, is simply a device to try to expedite and make the special session deal strictly with those issues that are brought up by the Governor and it says that if somebody decides they are going to filibuster or just spend the next two or three months debating or arguing, there would ultimately after eight hours be a cloture system for this special session after eight hours of debate or whatever. Number four, is a device that I am attempting to expedite the session and it goes something like this: "The Reference Committee, should they choose would have the flexibility and power to immediately put the proposals of the Governor on the floor of the Legislature without further ado or without the restraints of the regular rules." As I say, a special session is a special session. It has got unique circumstances and it is under the Constitution caused, created, directed, in a sense, by the Governor and these are rules or devices I would suggest that would make it so that we do deal strictly with those issues of the Governor and the issues he has laid out and that we don't let it be clouded and a lot of other things and that we do expedite it as quickly as possible. I would urge adoption of the proposals and then if they were adopted, if by per chance you did choose to adopt these, the Reference Committee could go ahead and take a recess and make their decision as to whether they wanted