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SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Withem, may I ask...will you answer a question for me, please.

PRESIDENT: Yes, he will.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This states after a motion to indefinitely postpone a bill has been offered, the principal introducer of the bill shall immediately be permitted to speak for five minutes. When does that happen? When I put a motion up there to IPP, a motion has been offered. Then if it is decided to lay over a day, when does this trigger in? When does this five minutes trigger in?

SENATOR WITHEM: A very good question, Senator Haberman, I had the same question when I saw this draft, what does the word "offered" mean. I was told by the Clerk's Office that this triggers in...if you have a bill and I am brazen and foolish enough to put a kill motion on it, I put the kill motion on the desk. You are given an opportunity to lay the bill over or take it up. Whichever you choose, either immediately after that or the next time the bill comes up, I am introduced to speak for ten minutes on the kill motion. At that point, the motion has been offered. After the introducer of the kill motion has spoken ten minutes, and then you would be given your opportunity to speak and defend the bill. It is the intent, that is the intent of this.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I would suggest then that this be rewritten to say just that, because we could get an argument on the way this is written now. You could say words to the effect, when it is addressed on the legislative floor or something like that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, then Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I will be very brief in what I am saying. I was looking at another rule coming up and I slept the move to substitute the motions but I would agree with what Senator Warner stated, and with that having been said, I will vote against the motion being offered at this point. One of the situations that could arise could be based on a strategy whereby people who want to kill the