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fact, supportive of the Bromm-Beutler, Rules Committee recommendation.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I am quite honestly not sure how I am going to vote on this particular one. My gut instinct tells me that it makes no difference if this rule is agreed to or not, and I say this based on experience from the past and how senators, if they want to filibuster, stop something, what can be done. And, quite honestly, even if this was agreed upon, you are not going to stop anything that you think that you are going to, and I give you an example. Senator Beutler, I just have a couple of questions on how this may actually work, if you'd answer a couple of questions please. Senator Beutler, it mentions that the Speaker will take it off the agenda, get the people together, and then make a...shall make a decision on whether amendments are dilatory or not, correct? But where does it state that when the Speaker...

SENATOR BEUTLER: It is not shall take it off, may take it off.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: May take it off?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Um-hum.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, let's assume that the Speaker takes it off the agenda. Okay, when does it state the Speaker puts it back on the agenda?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The Speaker can only take it off the agenda for the current legislative day, as outlined in the last sentence of the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, I didn't catch that part. So the next day it can come back, correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The next day it must come back.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, now let's assume that it does come back the next day, and let's assume that I'm bored, I have