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SENATOR LINDSAY: The vote.... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Kristensen, the vote was taken February 26th.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And so you reported it the same day that you took the action to do that.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. And I know my time is going to grow short and that we don't get often to speak. But I want to point out a couple other things as we begin to look at this. One of the...Senator Lindsay, if I may ask you a question. If we follow your logic of the bill, every time there's a motion to pull a bill from committee then the committee has the option of meeting and killing that bill. Is that correct?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Of killing or advancing.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: True, they could do that, but if they were going to advance it, in response to the motion to pull, my guess is that more times likely than not there is some objection, or there is some reason for holding the bill in committee. Some may be for working purposes, others may be you just leave the bill there. That's the danger on one hand, that the committee could preempt, under this, under your interpretation of the rules, every time a committee could then, in response to a motion to pull, up the ante to 30 votes to pull it. The other danger is on the other hand that someone, after 20 day...if you follow Senator Stuhr's logic, after 20 days they could file a motion to pull, and in effect insulate themselves from ever being killed. Is that the danger on the other hand?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, that is the case.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And so the policy choice that we reach is, which is the worst evil? Do I have the committee that has the option to up the ante in all cases to 30 votes, or do I have the ability of the individual senator, protect them from having their bill killed?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Of any individual senator to file the motion.