

support of the Speaker's ruling and in support of Senator Lindsay's version. And I speak to it for this reason only. As a committee chair, at least in my committee I like to work with the members of the committee. And if there's a tough bill, work through it with the constituent groups, try to get some consensus before we get to the floor. But in doing that, especially in years when there's a heavy workload, and of course with Judiciary they have an incredible workload, it often takes more than 20 days to get all these people together and sit down and negotiate and work on something. To do that though, I put myself at risk if you're going to take the Stuhr-Hudkins view of this rule, because if at any point in time somebody simply decides to put up the motion and we're still working on the negotiation process, if you adopt their version of things, we have no choice then but to face the motion on the floor. The better rule is to view this as Lindsay does, which I think is correct, as a notice to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the committee. When you file this motion it's a notice to the committee saying, committee, act one way or another, or face the motion on the floor under the conditions that exist at the time the motion is heard. There's nothing...there's nothing wrong with that. You ought to give the committee the ability to make the final decision. I think you would want that. And I don't think it would always be negative and kill the bill. That deciding vote, one way or another, depending on how far the negotiation process had gone along, and what changes had been made in the bill, might well result in the decision being to advance the bill as much as it might be to kill the bill. But I think you want your committee chairmen negotiating things off the floor, keeping them off the floor until they're ready to go, because that's what maximizes our time on the floor. And if you don't adopt the Lindsay version of the bill, you will be very much discouraging that process. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, let me see if I could make one thing at least clear. This is not a vote on this rule change or overriding the Chair. If Senator Stuhr loses in her bid, this does not mean that she