

General File, it will be indefinitely postponed. But also silent in our rules are when this bill has to be set on the agenda, and, of course, that's the Speaker's prerogative. But consider, if you will, the hearing was February 1st, then 20 days the committee had to consider it, kill it or advance it. February 22nd, Senator Stuhr did file the motion, and it could be put on the agenda, I would assume, on the 23rd or the 26th, in which case we would not be standing here even discussing this. This would be a moot point. I also call to your attention Section 16, which is the report of a bill to the Legislature, and the committee, of course, shall be a vote of a majority of its members recommend that the bill be placed on General File or that the bill be indefinitely postponed. Such action shall be taken at regularly scheduled meetings only. That is in our rules, that if a bill is advanced or indefinitely postponed shall be taken at regularly scheduled meetings only. As I understand it, the meeting that this indefinitely postpone motion was taken was taken hastily and not at regularly scheduled meeting. That weighs very much, I think, in Senator Stuhr's favor. And I think if you consider that she indeed filed it timely, she indeed, if it had been on the agenda before the "unregularly" scheduled Judiciary meeting, that indeed we would not be standing here arguing whether it would be 30 or 25, it would be 25 votes necessary.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body now is, shall debate now cease on the question of overruling the Chair? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Hold on just a second, Mr. Clerk. I'm going to clear the board. I did not give the proper instructions prior to the...prior to making the announcement. It's always important that we know how many votes we're taking, and I am supposed to restate the motion. So, Mr. Clerk, based upon the number of people now excused or not excused, can you please tell me the number of votes needed for this motion to be successful. We are voting...pardon me. We are voting on ceasing debate. We are voting on ceasing debate. Senator Bernard-Stevens, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BEPNARD-STEVENS: (Inaudible.)