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SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to a point of special privilege in the remarks Senator Carsten made. If he was listening, I did not impune the character nor the capabilities of the Committee. In fact, I compliment them. The thing that amazed me was that the Committee came out with the amendment that we were voting on originally to the bill. They came out almost unanimously, and suddenly, certain members of the Committee did not see fit to defend their action when an amendment was offered very quickly. So I did not impune the characters nor the qualities nor the capabilities. Senator Carsten, I think your Committee is very capable but it surprised me that they did not defend their position on the floor and acquiesced to a very quick amendment that none of us had given much thought to. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I am going to come in and talk on not how great thou art, as our two Senators have just explained just how great each one of us are, but the 5% that we have on the bill right now as is the statute when this is all over with. The 5% brought us into special session last year because it was not enough. If we do what Senator Stull has got on the bill, bring it down to 3%, we are just three-fifths oftener going to be called into special session to meet an emergency that exists. Now the best thing to do with this bill, I have told you before, is to just give it a red button up there. I supported bringing it out at 5 and 7. I certainly am not going to support bringing us back into session twice as often as we can be called into session now. So, kill this thing. Kill the bill. Get rid of it. Vote against it and let's go on with our business. We have got something far more important than trying to sit here and argue on something that has no penalty, has no effect. It is only a guideline. So let's get it, and what Senator Stull has done, let's kill it. Theoretically, he has killed the bill anyhow. So let's get it out of existence.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Carsten, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of this Legislature, I do not have much in the way of closing. The only thing I do have to say is just this, that I think this is a part of our state government that is important and I don't think that it is something that we need to take lightly. I think the discussion has been good this morning and it is well that we talk about the very basics of state government and certainly this is a part of that. It has been thoroughly discussed. I think you all know what you believe and the way you are going to vote, and I certainly hope that that is in support of advancing it to E & R. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The question before the house is the