

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I believe what Senator DeCamp says is right on overruling the Speaker's agenda and I would ask you and I will support the committee amendments, would you be willing to have a vote on the bill itself up or down after the committee amendments are voted on?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Labeledz, I don't know, you know, if Senator Lowell Johnson has 30 votes to suspend the rules, he has 30 votes to suspend the rules. My only concern is...now, I am not, I certainly don't agree with Senator DeCamp's characterization of this as a filibuster. I think he was talking to the reporters up there, not to us. I don't want the folks in the balcony to think that these amendments to the committee amendments were not genuine attempts to make the bill better. I have not participated in a filibuster and I resent Senator DeCamp's trying to have the headlines in the paper tomorrow that Hoagland and Vickers and company held this bill up because it was a filibuster. It was not a filibuster. These are genuinely needed changes as far as I am concerned. I can speak for my motives.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Thank you.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Wait a second, Senator Labeledz, let me say item two, that my only concern is that when additional amendments to the committee amendments come up, people have an opportunity to be able to have those adopted on a simple majority vote. If we can do that on Select File, fine. That is my only concern.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Then I think we ought to go with the suspension of the rules because there is no indication whatsoever that the opponents will let this bill be voted up or down and, I, for one, will take my chances whether or not there are 30 votes here to suspend the rules and to vote the bill up or down and then the committee amendments can come as an amendment on Select File to the bill itself, if, by chance, we are fortunate enough to have the bill advanced. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.