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I don't believe the purposes of the citizens of the state of Nebraska would be well served. This section is important to insure that alternatives are explored and I feel that we do need an improvement in the system that we presently have so that we can, perhaps, really explore alternatives without having the feeling that some of those alternatives are personal in nature rather than either philosophical differences or just wanting to make sure we fully understand what the bill really does. So, with those brief remarks, I would ask that the motion be adopted. An again as I've said, its purpose is to, perhaps, stimulate some thinking among all the members as to what we could do to assist in providing an adversary position opposed to bills as they go across General File to retain that on a level that would feel that the merits of the proposal rather than some other issue.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I, probably, as chairman of the Rules Committee should reply to Senator Warner for just a moment. I think we can do nothing in the Rules that will stop any personal feelings from time to time out here. I would hope that each and every one of us is big enough that when we do have personal feelings enter in that we get over it. You know, the person that you have that feeling about at that moment, maybe the fellow you need the next moment and if this concerns the new Legislators that are down here, instead of going into to much detail with a Rule change that might clarify this, I would, for one, be very happy to meet with them and explain this situation because--let me say this, "To be a good winner, you got to first learn how to be a good loser". If you can't lose in this body, you're in trouble because you're bound to. I don't understand your motion, Senator Warner. That is the reason I'm speaking because it is sort of rambling and if you would help me get it down into a more compact manner. I think on indefinite postponement if you are going to make that motion for the purpose of creating debate, you can so state it when you are making the motion. You have an opportunity when you make that indefinite postponement or to the advancement of a bill, either way, for or against it, to explain your situation and I think, probably, I'm awfully sorry that this personal privilege Rule that we have restricts you so that you can't talk about a bill. I think, though, if a bill comes up on Select File or on General File particularly, you are entitled to talk about the bill. You don't always have to make the indefinite postponement to talk about it but I suppose at times you do it in order to shock everybody to the place where they come right up out of their boots and you command a little attention in the Legislature and that brings me to this point. This morning we were asked for order in here, so that someone may be heard to speak on a issue that was important. Almost everytime a Legislator gets up to make a statement, to him that is the most important thing that he has on his mind at that time and he would like to have you listen. This is pretty hard to do because I know we have to converse with each other here on the floor about things and we do have both sides of this place underneath the balcony where people are talking and I can't blame them and due to the acoustics of that particular section, that noise comes right out here and if you really want to get in on it, set clear out on the end of the aisle here right next to it. And I'm not blaming these folks one bit. I think they should be able to converse under here. So with this, Senator Warner, would you like to pursue and get some type of a rule change in writing and then we will be happy to take it up in the Rules Committee and I do want the body to understand that up to this point and from this point on, we will announce Rule Committee hearings and they are open to the entire membership of this body.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Marvel.