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SENATOR MARVEL: That was the suggestion I was going to make that in regard to Senator Warner's proposal that if Senator Duis would see fit, the next time we have a Rules Committee meeting to indicate it to us so some of us could come before the Committee and make some of these suggestions. Would that be in order?

SENATOR DUIS: So very happy to do it, but as I understand the function of our Rules Committee, we're not to go into a session over there and get rules together and bring them out here. What we do is if we have an idea that--of a rules change when we are over there, we bring it out to the body first and we announce it as a Rule change like any individual legislator and then it goes back to our Rules Committee for a hearing and these hearings are open, yes. We, Senator Marvel, we ask for discussion. We like to have it.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner, what's your pleasure?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, Senator Duis, strictly in response to your question that there is precedent, at least I can recall when I was Rules Chairman, when the committee was directed to develop alternatives if the members felt that some improvement could be done. I don't want you to misunderstand, in any way, the motion that I have made because it's one which I know many of us have discussed many, many times. And what I was trying to indicate, it seems to me yesterday was one of those examples where Senator Carpenter very plainly pointed out that the main purpose of his motion was to promote discussion. It seems to me, though, that a member shouldn't have to get up every time and say "I move to kill a bill" so there will be discussion. There might be a better system and I use this vehicle in order to call the matter to the attention of the members. As indicated by Senator Carpenter, some of the new members have apparently expressed some opinions in this area. I would hope that through this brief discussion which I hope, again, is not a waste of time that maybe someone will have his thoughts stimulated and particularly, maybe, the newer members because some of us who have been here quite awhile are sometimes biased or bound by a precedent and have a little difficulty of accepting the change in procedure or thinking of a change. This is the purpose of the motion and I would, certainly, now ask unanimous consent to withdraw it then because I assume the purpose, if it had any, will already have been served.

SPEAKER: Are there any objections to Senator Warner withdrawing his motion? Senator Duis, do you object?

SENATOR DUIS: No sir, I do not object but I'll ask for a point of personal privilege as soon as this gets over with.

SPEAKER: Are there any objections to Senator Warner withdrawing the motion? If not, so ordered. The motion is withdrawn. The chair recognizes Senator Duis for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR DUIS: To point a personal privilege and I may discuss it now but this is not before the house. Thank you so much for your effort, Senator Warner. I know it has accomplished the purpose for which you have intended it. I am particularly interested in this type of discussion because I think with the advent of our Educational TV before the people, maybe the people of the state of Nebraska will understand just a bit more how we work down here and how we do have discussions between ourselves and we appear to be angry with each other, which we undoubtedly are at the moment, but that we do get over them because I do. People know when I do because I get a little red in the face, I guess. But, I thank you, Senator Warner. I think it has accomplished a purpose and I sincerely hope that the news media will bring this to the general public to know that we are good adversaries. Thank you.