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against it but if we fail to give it that test...

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter. Just a minute, Senator DeCamp. A point of order. Yes, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is it proper to debate this issue before the motion is....

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I would think it would not be proper to debate the issue until we voted on the suspension.

SENATOR CARPENTER: May I make a remark or so.

SPEAKER: Yes, you are stating your point of order, Senator Carpenter. Go ahead.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What I want to do, I don't think the debate is going to change anybody's opinion. I'm going to move to move the previous question after Senator DeCamp gets through and after Senator Proud gets through, because I don't think we are going to change anybody's opinion. We could spend all day today and all day tomorrow on this and wouldn't change a person's opinion, probably.

SPEAKER: Your motion is to allow Senator Proud to speak to this motion. Actually, if the Rules were suspended, then we still could have debate and would have debate on the matter, but your motion is to allow...actually, on a point of order, I don't think you can debate. My decision would be you should not debate at this point. Now, if the body wants to allow, I presume we can do anything we want to do in that regard. If we want to allow Senator DeCamp and Senator Proud to make statements about this suspension, this is the prerogative of this body, but I would rule that unless some motion is made that we should proceed to vote on the suspension.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I so move.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion now on the...no, there wouldn't be any because this is a...Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, I do not intend to debate the bill on the suspension or if the suspension of the Rules takes place, I do not intend to debate it then. When I do intend to debate it is when it comes to the floor of this Legislature and I would just say that...explain what we are doing here. The motion, as I understand it, because I wrote it...I didn't sign it and I did it for a specific reason. Senator DeCamp asked me sometime ago if he could move to suspend the Rules and I said, certainly as far as I'm concerned. And the Rules do provide that if the introducer, now I'm not speaking to the suspension of the Rules, but if the introducer tries to bring it on the floor...to the floor and fails, it's dead but somebody else can do that, apparently with impunity. So what we are doing here is attempting to suspend the Rule and that Rule is that if a bill lies in a Committee for more than 20 days, then you can make a motion to bring out of Committee with 25 votes, but if you act before the 20 days, then you have to suspend the Rules. Well, the twenty days will be up about the 14th or 15th of this month, as far as that goes, but I see no reason in delaying this matter any longer

(End of Belt #6)