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but if you act before the twenty days, then you have to suspend the rules, well the twenty days will be up about the 14th or the 15th of this month as far as that goes, but I see no reason in delaying this matter any longer, so Senator DeCamp's motion is simply to suspend that twenty day rule and then he will move to bring it to the floor with 25 votes, but it takes 30 votes to suspend the rules.

SPEAKER: Alright, Senator Duis, do you have a question?

SENATOR DUIS: No sir, Mr. Speaker, although I would like to explain the rule because I don't believe the rule has been properly delt with yet.

SPEAKER: Alright as Rules Chairman you may proceed.

SENATOR DUIS: If I'm wrong then we will proceed some other way.

SPEAKER: Alright.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Proud in clarification of what you said, the rules provide that if a bill is left in committee that after the first day of any action taken, whatsoever, whether it be held by a tie vote or other, the bill cannot be taken from the committee less than twenty days, in other words it must lay there for twenty days, but it does not say that if this move fails the bill is killed, the bill would just remain exactly where it was before. What this rule says on that is if the introducer after a bill is killed in committee attempts to bring it forth within five days, it takes a certain number of votes, and after the five days another number of votes, but if he fails then the bill is definitely killed, but no matter who attempts to take the bill from committee within the twentieth, after the twentieth legislative day, this does not kill the bill it does not, it merely stays within the committee and of course it takes the suspension of the rules to do that prior then the twenty days, and I think that's what this first motion is, and I thank you very much.

SPEAKER: Thank you Senator Duis and I think that will clarify the matter that we have before us, the vote on the suspension of the rules for the purpose of bringing LB 9 out on the floor, that is the general purpose. Alright all those in favor then, will vote aye, and opposed no. Voting no.

CLERK: Senator Luedtke voting no.

SPEAKER: Have you all voted? Everybody voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 12 nays, remainder not voting Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Alright the rules are now suspended. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: The balance of my motion was that LR 9 be brought to the floor notwithstanding, or despite the fact that nothing has been done in committee, and as I say, my argument for this is very simple, we're never going to get the question settled unless we bring it here and vote on it, once and for all and say either we adopt ERA and do it openly with full understanding, or we reject it, and then let whatever court tests that are necessary be done. We did not debate it last year, to clear the picture to get the paint and dirt from the motion, or from the resolution, to pass last year we have to settle it once and for all, and that's all I have to say on it.