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think that it is wrong that we do it that way and I think Speaker Marvel is right in making the decision that he did. There will be opportunities later to make those amendments so I support Speaker Marvel.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I object to the gentleman from Hastings proposal. After all, when a bill comes to this floor, it becomes the legislation of the body, not of an individual even though that person may be the author and the introducer. In a case of Senator Kremer, I understand and I think that is correct. That is proper, but in a case of other amendments which may be significant I think that they also have the same type of right and the introducer of an amendment has the same right and privilege. For us to sit here and worry about some time now, I think is not really in the best interest of the body. If you look at Select File, there are very few bills there. As soon as we know the person is not here we should pass over that bill and proceed on to the next one. We will not waste time at all. It is merely a matter of the Speaker recognizing the individual is not here. What either the introducer of the bill properly or those individuals who may have amendments, we would not lose time under those conditions. We would merely put the bill back again at a later time on the agenda, so I object to Senator Marvel's proposal. After all, there are some amendments that are just as important as the body of the bill in many cases and for us to move it to E & R final as Senator Marvel knows, it is more difficult to amend a bill there than it is on Select File. That only adds additional handicaps and difficulties so I object to Senator Marvel's proposal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to support the Speaker and for two reasons. One, the rules are rather clear that the introducer has first opportunity to explain the legislation prior to any amendments other than committee amendments so that priority is there and is intended to be there for a reason and, secondly, I can remember the last time I tried to tighten things up and the rule was changed and I was the first victim of it being tightened up but I didn't object to it and I think that if we start the practice of passing over because the amendments are filed by someone that is absent, it doesn't take long to