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important of all, I believe, is the fact that at some point in time, as Senator DeCamp has pointed out, we are going to find that any one of us can be subject to losing a bill if this is allowed to be a precedent. I think that it is most unfortunate if this body should go along with that kind of an action. I believe the bill should be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for purposes of closing.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I think the issue is very simple. Do you use the rules or do you abuse the rules and maybe it is a fine line but I think Senator Nichol stated it about as clearly as anything. You know, there is a point you don't cross, and when you start doing these things, I guess such tactics could destroy this body and we all have to work and live together and I would hope we could continue to but this isn't the way to do it and, Senator Fowler, to you and the Rules Committee, I would hope you would address this problem and clear it up.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement, the readvancement of LB 398 to E & R for engrossment. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. The motion is to advance the bill to E & R for engrossment. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Senator Reutzel, you asked me a question. I think the precedent was set as long as it was two successive attempts. As I read this, as I read this, it doesn't say anything about whether these attempts have to be in succession or not. All it says here on page 32, any bill failing to receive 25 votes to be advanced to E & R Final after two attempts or be indefinitely postponed. Two attempts, period. That is the way I read it. The next bill is LB 467. Sorry, we need to do something about LB 398A.