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SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members. I have had the same feeling at times that Senator Merz is talking about. I don't believe that we can do much about it. The only change that I would like to see, and I certainly don't have an amendment up there is the fact that you are only going to have one chance to bring your bill up. You should have a chance at least to pick the time. Because if it is on the agenda, we talked about this in the committee, and it comes up at an odd time as Senator Merz has mentioned, you are not going to get a second chance. I'm sure that this has nothing to do with what the amendment is so I will just quit and let you vote on Senator Merz's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, your light is on. Do you wish to be heard on the Merz amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

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

CLERK: 29 ayes, no nays to cease debate Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases. Senator Merz, I recognize you to close on your amendment.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members. In regards to Senator Marsh's statement, it only takes five committee votes to bring it on the floor, a simple majority, so if we are using a simple majority there what is the difference there than here? Also, Robert Rules of Orders states a democracy runs the same way. I can see no reason why that we shouldn't follow their rules. I think that here the other day Senator Kelly would have been glad to have something like this. But, I think that if we want to get out of the game playing, I think that this is where we have to start. But, if we want to keep continue playing games, just keep such rules in. If it, like I said before maybe we need two-thirds, but I can't see no reason why a majority vote shouldn't rule. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Read the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read Merz Motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?