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SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch moves to amend the proposed rule change two (read Koch amendment).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I generally concur with the idea as being advanced as a change of rules. The only thing that bothers me is that we have committees that meet five days a week. I believe that we should conduct the hearings as soon as possible, and that we should get those hearings concluded. Then following the conclusion we could go to the four day week and I agree with Senator Dworak in terms of the advantages that he has presented to this body. All too often we get so emotionally involved in the legislature that it isn't good for us either physically or mentally. Since it is a short session I think the benefit to be derived would be to the citizens and the individual senators and those of you seeking re-election, I just went through one, I think that you could plan your own campaign with a great deal of organization and accuracy. That would be an advantage to you as well. I would ask you to adopt my amendment which says "Four day sessions following the conclusion of the hearings."

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now I have eleven names up here who want to speak and I'll have to check with you as we go down the list and see if you want to speak to the Koch amendment. Senator Hefner, do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment? Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment? Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I would like to speak just a second to the Koch amendment. I oppose the Koch amendment just like I do the amendment itself. Senator Koch, have you ever tried to run a campaign four hundred miles away from home? It is really nothing to it. You don't get there until almost election day. For this reason I oppose your amendment in particular and I do wish to speak to the amendment itself, Mr. Chairman, but I do oppose the Koch amendment for that reason.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: Just briefly, Mr. President, in that as stated I assume it would include, although not by intent, the Appropriations Committee which continues its hearings not only well into