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legislature, I have to think that the Koch amendment which solves the problem of the committee scheduling provides for greater equity throughout the entire body than the amendment as originally drafted. I'll support the Koch amendment and I hope that it will pass so that I will be in a position to be able to support then the amendment to the rules as offered by Senator Beutler and the Rules Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel, do you want to speak to the Koch amendment?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Briefly, Mr. Speaker, although I would like to call the question, I will speak to the amendment. I rise in support of Senator Koch's amendment basically because it puts either the Thursday-Friday committees or those committees which meet on Monday at a disadvantage unless we adopt the Koch amendment. Now, from experience I can say that it is difficult to, on certain days, on Friday's especially, it is difficult to get quorums on time. It is difficult to come up with the minimum number on occasion. If we are meeting on those days, members are compelled to be here. If those are optional and we are having hearings without the legislature being in session, then a lot of members can go home and we can be left facing a hearing without a quorum. We can pull in some other senators to fill in for a quorum, but that is a disadvantage to the committee system when the committee sits down to make a determination on the bill itself. It is a disadvantage to those and to the entire committee and it is a disadvantage to the rest of the members of this body as well as the introducer of the bill. So, I think the only way to get around the problem would be to adopt the Koch amendment and make it equitable for those, either the Monday committees or the Thursday, Friday committees so that we can iron out those problems.

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

SENATOR DE CAMP: I was just going to call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You want to call for the question on the Koch amendment? Okay, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed vote no. The vote is to cease debate. Record.