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LB 499

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Johnson, your light is on, do you wish to speak? All right. Anything further? All right, the question then....that is your opening and your closing, Senator Nichol. All those in favor of adopting the Nichol amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Any further amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator....I have a motion from Senator DeCamp to suspend Rule, 6, Section 3, Rule 7, Section 3 and vote on the advancement of 499 without further discussion or debate.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I really, really, really, really, really, really hate to do this, but I don't see any other way to help everybody else deal with their bills on General File. This is like the bottleneck and everything is behind it. Now I put that up there after, after all the other amendments, only on the theory that it would never have to be used because nobody would really put more amendments up there. I am only bringing it up now because indeed there are more amendments and they are the same kind of nonsense that gut the bill. They may not be nonsense but they gut the bill. But anyway, the point I am making is, this is the only way I see to help everybody else so we can get on to other legislation and bring this matter to a head one way or the other, even if you think the bill is a bad bill, like my good friend, Senator Vickers...even if you say, hey, DeCamp, why don't you just admit that is a terrible bill? You know, even if you feel that way you should still vote to do this so we can vote it up or down. So I would encourage you to support this with the understanding we are doing it for all mankind here, for all those little bills waiting to have their treatment on the floor, and so we would pass this rule, we would vote on the bill one way or another...if it fails, fine, if it goes, fine. But it would be on Select File then if it passed, and Senator Fitzgerald would have a chance along with some others to see if they wanted any additional changes or tightening up or loosening up, or whatever, but at least it wouldn't sit here as a bottleneck. So I urge you to go ahead and do this.

PRESIDENT: Speaking to the motion to suspend...Senator Johnson, did you want to speak to this? Senator Wesely. Senator Johnson says no. Senator Wesely.