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SENATOR DeCAMP: I move the rules be....the matter be taken up now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, your light is on. Okay, the motion before the House is the suspension of the rules. Senator Simon, do you wish to be recognized on that motion?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, I do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, the reason I offered the kill motion is two points. Number one, honestly I don't like the bill as written. But number two, is that I think that there have been a lot of mistakes which have been made on the floor today and I was hoping that perhaps one day would....having the bill laid over would give some people who were conscientious some time to check out some allegations that were made. You know, the ebb and flow of traffic....there were people who came up on the floor when my amendment came up who were provided misinformation who didn't know if they were voting for 18, 21, 43 or 72. They thought it was a football score. They don't know what the figures are. We have heard Senator Koch's, mine and others. The statements that were made in terms of what it takes to make a profit in retail sales credit, I think are erroneous and I would hope that perhaps that laying the bill over one day would allow those that are serious about it to talk to some people if they could get a straight answer in terms of just exactly what it takes to make a profit, just exactly how much profit those department stores made last year, and see a breakdown of financial basis. I don't have to be a Phi Beta Kappa to see the handwriting on the wall, when a reasonable amendment lost by an 18 to 24 vote, when Senator Koch's amendment lost, I can see that the bill has been worked hard enough that it is going to pass. But I would be negligent in my duties if I proceeded to just sit here and allow this type of steamroller to take place without trying to fight it, and so I am doing everything that I can in my power by the rules to do so. I would suspect, Senator DeCamp, that you have the 30 votes to go ahead and take up the kill motion now and then I will discuss the merits and lack of merits of the bill. But I sincerely believe if those of you who have even the slightest bit of doubt would oppose the DeCamp motion to suspend the rules and would take the time to check with your local retailers and if you can dissect through the rhetoric and take a look at the bottom