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he didn't read any of the decreases of which there are some and perhaps that is mendacity also, if I understand the word, but we have a bill on Select File, 627, and I think with this few legislative days left that rather than reargue the special session, rather than use 609 as a rhetorical tool for this point or that point or whatever, that perhaps the body would be best served in eliminating the bill, dealing with the one concept in the one vehicle we have on Select File, trying to get a consensus on that issue and then advance that to Final Reading and pass it. I think at this point rather than throw a lot of ideas across to Select File, we need to focus in on single solutions. For that reason I would suggest that we kill 609 and concentrate our efforts on 627 trying to achieve something with one bill that we can agree on. So I would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I am fully aware of the attempt that is being made and it may very well be successful but we have an agreement I thought on this floor that both sides would talk. Now whether it wins or loses, I think we deserve that opportunity and I am going to defend the bill and I think I have a right to do that. I don't think the Chair should let the question be called, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, there has been insufficient discussion on this particular question. Senator Carsten, you are next on the list.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I made my speech in my opposition to the motion. I have to defend my committee and my bill. It is not what some had wanted it to be now. It is in its original form and I think that our committee was sincere and conscientious in presenting the bill, that there was an opportunity to the problem that was existing and we were sincere in that. Now if you want to kill the bill, if you think you have got a bill that is going to carry across to Final Reading and answer all the problems, that is your prerogative and I hope you use it but I cannot let the motion go to kill without a challenge. I think that the comments that have been made to me, and I am going to be truthful and frank with this body, I have been told that 627 is an education bill, pure and simple. I am not saying that it is or it isn't but I think this body ought to have an opportunity to vote on a bill that