

SPEAKER MARVEL: We now go to item #5, motions and the Chair will recognize Senator DeCamp. Mr. Clerk, do you want to....?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp made a motion to withdraw LBs 537, 538, 539 and 540. That motion was read on February 20. It has properly laid over pursuant to our rules. Because some of those bills have been scheduled for hearings it is necessary to suspend the rules and Senator DeCamp's motion is to suspend Rule 7, Section 12 so as to permit the cancellation of the public hearings on those particular measures.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I waive any opening and will answer anything on closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have consistently taken a stand against suspending the rules especially when there is a serious question involved and I think in this particular instance there may well be a serious question involved and I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a few questions if I may.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you yield?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I don't think I have a big choice. Go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Johnny...

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, Chrissy.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have some questions you may consider to be somewhat annoying but I am really not trying to be annoying. I think the answers to the questions will very much affect my attitude towards what you are trying to do so I guess basically the first question is, why are these bills being withdrawn? Are they being withdrawn at the request of the Governor?

SENATOR DeCAMP: They are certainly being withdrawn at my request and to the best of my knowledge from what I read in the paper the Governor also, under the existing circumstances, supports that position.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The Governor has not specifically requested you to withdraw the bills, however? They were introduced in his behalf. Is that correct?