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LB 548

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. Speaker....Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is where we are at. Speaker Marvel had made the motion to suspend the rules concerning the delay on Select File on a motion to indefinitely postpone. It was decided that it would probably be best. Senator Beutler made a suggestion that we suspend it in the sense that you can...if the introducer of a bill wishes to take up that kill motion immediately, he has the choice of doing that. So now the motion is essentially this, that if you put up a motion to indefinitely postpone on Select File, if the introducer of the bill wants to take up that kill motion immediately, it is his right to take it up immediately and not delay one day. That is essentially what this motion would allow for the balance of the session. So this is the new motion. Senator Marvel has agreed to it, and it is Speaker Marvel's motion to adjust the rules so that no motion to kill on Select File will delay that bill for one day unless the introducer of the bill agrees to it. So what we are trying to do is for the balance of the session deal with the problem we talked about before, putting up a kill motion and another kill motion and another kill motion, and without any chance to even consider the issue, delaying for the rest of the session that bill. And I think that it is important that we realize that there is a rule change from Senator Beutler and myself to make this a permanent part of the rules to get back to where we started from when this original section was adopted a couple years ago. And I think we have to realize that what we are talking about is protection of the introducer of the bill so that he isn't surprised by a kill motion on Select File, and I think it is incumbent upon us to not allow a situation where we abuse that protection for the introducer by turning it against him and actually killing his bill by delaying it over, and I think that is very important that we do that with six days left to process bills on Select File. So it is the Speaker's motion. It has been amended by Senator Beutler and that is the point at which we are at to vote on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Wesely has closed. All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed vote no. It takes 30 votes. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Wesely, record the vote? Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Okay, we are ready for item #6. Wait a minute, I am sorry, 7, LB 548.

CLERK: Mr. President, we last considered LB 548 this morning. When we left it there was an amendment pending by