

all these motions, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, that may well be the case when nobody objects but when somebody objects the rules of the Legislature have to be followed.

SENATOR CLARK: The Speaker set the order. I didn't set the order.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The Speaker has no prerogative. There is nothing in our rules that gives the Speaker the prerogative to set a time limit on any particular bill except to take it off the agenda if he so chooses which is fine.

SENATOR CLARK: We'll continue the way it is. What we are going to do is vote on the suspension of the rules first, no debate. Then we're going to vote on the return and then the amendment and then to readvance but they all must pass. So the question before the House is the suspension of the rules. To what question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have a right to speak again, Mr. Speaker, or if you're following the fifteen minute rule and the fifteen minutes has expired it should be taken off the agenda.

SENATOR CLARK: Well... Senator Lamb.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's the first time it has been objected to. We have no...

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, I'll move that the rule, whatever rule it is, be suspended and that the fifteen minute rule that we have been following today be invoked and no debate. Let's just vote on it, whether you want this fifteen minute rule that we have been following to be in effect or not is the issue. Senator Beutler has raised the question. He does not want to go along with the situation that we have this afternoon and he is correct. There is no provision in the rule that I can limit debate but I would ask at this time to be upheld by suspending whatever rule it is there, Pat, so that the fifteen minute rule can be resolved.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, that is fine. Now I'd like to explain to you what you are doing. What you are going to do if you will be quiet for just a moment, please, what you are going to do is to vote on suspension of the rules so we can take up the fifteen minute rule, whether it is going to be upheld or not. We have fourteen more motions up here to return bills, sixteen, pardon me. So that is what you are voting on, it is to whether you want to take up the fifteen minutes or not. It is debatable. Senator Cullan.