

you going down there in December and staying for how long. And everybody says a few days, just a few days. Well, it concerns me. I think the ship has been running pretty good, and then it wobbles at times, and, sure, we had to shuffle around on staff and Senator Beutler said we had some problems on the stamps or one thing and another, but it works out. It works pretty good. So I would suggest that you support the kill motion and let's get on to some other things. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: As one of Senator Haberman's classmates, one of his nine classmates six years ago, I would like to strongly urge this body not to kill this bill at this time for all the reasons stated and I don't want to repeat them. Let me say simply that if we came down here in December and spent a couple of days receiving our committee assignments, electing our chairmen and then going back to our districts for our town hall meetings and whatever, it would make life an awfully lot easier for all of us come the next January when the full two-year Legislature convenes. Now I know a number of you may have small problems with the bill. I would urge you at this time to at least keep it alive so we can try and work those out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Jackie Smith of Hastings.

SENATOR SMITH: This is my maiden speech, according to Senator Higgins. Mr. President, as a freshman Senator, I rise to oppose the kill motion. Based on all the things that those folks have said before, and I am certainly in a position right now to identify with everything that they are saying, I think that if we want to look at the economics of it, we can look at the fact that new senators really aren't functioning for at least the first days in the session and so you are really not getting too much as far as productivity out of us is concerned and when we are dealing with frustration and not having adequate facilities and other kinds of materials and things that we need to function with, we are not really in a position then to start in on deciding what kinds of laws we think we should be backing and what kind of legislation we should support. So I would support this rule change. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, then Senator Vickers.