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every member of this body and particularly the Rules Committee to really examine this. We have not got an effective system any more, in my opinion, of making A bills really justify themselves because, as I say, they're able to team up and you give me a chance as a senator, you give a lot of other people in here a chance, I can take four or five bills, I can make them work even if there is a dog or two in the bunch.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, I think Senator Warner wants to ask you a question or something.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator DeCamp, I was wondering, and the Clerk can maybe correct it, rather than withdraw it, as far as I am concerned, could you redraft it and just have that as the vehicle to be submitted to the Rules Committee and then we can discuss it from there? I'm not particularly interested in withdrawing it.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, that's fine, that's fine. Submit it to the Rules Committee, whatever.

PRESIDENT: Was the motion to send it back to the Rules Committee? All right. The amendment is withdrawn for the record and it will be handled...then in accordance with the agreement of Senators DeCamp and Warner to be continued to be discussed. Now then, Senator Wesely, did you wish to discuss the rule change as such?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, members. I was Rules Chairman when we adopted Rule 8 and so I'd like to echo some of the concerns that Senator Warner has expressed. Looking back on those days when we adopted the rule, we were in a different time certainly than we are today and the goal was, I think, to be as fiscally conservative and prudent as possible with our budget setting process. Senator Warner's attempt was to open up the budget process so more than the Appropriations Committee at an early date could decide, you know, what our goal was going to be in terms of an overall budget figure at the end of the line. And so it was a worthy goal and we did attempt to pursue that. I was excited about it because right off the bat we talked about what was the most we could afford in our budget before we got to the end of the line. It was a time at which I thought we could rationally discuss the issue and come to some conclusions outside of the pressures of the last few