

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, members, it is almost really nice to get up here once today and agree with Senator Beutler. We haven't done much of that in the last few days. As tedious as this has been, as much hassle as some of us have taken, as much work as some of us have been through, as much tension as there has been on all of us here, and as much as that idea sounds good to me, I think Senator Beutler is making some very excellent arguments that above all things we have here is a process, a process whereby we try to hammer out the government of the state. All that we know about is to try to work within rules that are set down, not only in a book here, but within us. A certain amount of that is a basic sense of fairness. Senator DeCamp got to a suspension rule, had some way of defending the suspension rule, and came up with some kind of a super majority. That would be a little different process. But, as Senator Beutler has pointed out, we are talking about a majority of those that are here, present. I believe it will take 25 because there is only 1 excused, and you have to have a majority of those present. Correct, Pat?

PRESIDENT: I believe, Senator, we have 46.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: So we are talking about 24.

PRESIDENT: So we are talking about 24.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Less than even a majority of the Legislature. What goes around, comes around. As much as it sounds good to me, and as much as it would get us all out of here, and as much as it would be nice to have it done, and as much as the politics involved, whether you are democrat or republican would say do it if you can get it done, I'd urge you not to override him.

PRESIDENT: There are seven members on for recognition. Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five second hands? I do. The Chair will put the question to you. Shall the debate cease on the motion to overrule the Chair? All those in favor vote aye,