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report a recommendation back to the Legislature, and the rules provide that whatever that recommendation is, the Legislature takes that up first. So if they advise, for example, that the bill be adopted but with amendments, then the committee amendments are the first thing considered on the bill just as we do today. If they advise that the bill should be indefinitely postponed, then the first motion heard on the bill is the motion to indefinitely postpone by the Standing Committee. Then basically beyond that the process is the same as in the regular session. But that is the technique that is used that gives the committee the first opportunity to have a hearing and to make a recommendation on the bill but to preclude the possibility that the committee will hold the bill and delay it beyond the time that we have for a special session. I think I have mentioned all of the key points now and I know this is a little bit different so I would gladly entertain whatever questions you all might have and I would be happy to cede the rest of my time to Senator Vickers if he would like to speak further to it.

PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, for those of you that have been here during a special session, you are well aware of the two philosophies that we are going to be discussing with these rule changes. The one that you have before you, the committee amendment as amended by Senator Beutler and myself, and also the one that Senator DeCamp is going to present to you. For those of you that have not been through a special session, let me point out to you that the difference, the difference is who actually controls the bills or resolutions in a special session, and should a committee, a strong committee structure which we have, as Senator Beutler pointed out to you, in this Legislature be able to control that bill or those bills in the short time frame that we have available to us in a special session. Probably the basic question that you need to ask yourself is whether or not, if you come in here in the middle of the summer and the fall, whether or not you should be allowed as a member of this Legislature to delve into and to deal with that particular piece of legislation or other pieces of legislation that might be introduced. Now remember, the rules change that the committee is bringing before you will