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give the committee the first chance, if you will, it will give the committee the ability to amend, to recommend indefinite postponement, but the difference is that the committee cannot kill it itself. The committee would have to have 25 votes out here in order to kill the bill or a majority of those voting, I suppose, in order to kill the bill rather than the committee itself being able to kill the bill and then getting the 25 votes from the body to revive it. So it puts the shoe on the other foot. That is really what it does, it seems to me. I have no trouble with that. I think it ought to be that way quite frankly. I think if we are all drug in here, if you will, in the middle of the summer to a special session, we had ought to have the shoe on our foot as a body to deal with that particular piece of legislation. At the same time, I think it is important that the committee had ought to have the opportunity to recommend amendments, to recommend the style that the bill should be in, or to recommend whether or not it should be killed. Senator DeCamp's amendment that he is going to be bringing before you does make one major change that we have got now in our rules for special sessions, and that is that it does away with that 30 vote rule if a committee kills a bill, and as I understand it, puts it to 25 which I think is something this body should discuss under our regular rules, perhaps next year, whether or not a super majority is necessary to revive a bill killed in the committee which is a good idea. As I point out to you, the basic philosophical decision we need to make I think is whether or not the 25 votes should be required to overrule the action of the committee or to adopt the action of the committee. I think it ought to be to adopt the action if it is an indefinite postponement rather than the other way around. I urge the adoption of the rules change for the special session as proposed to you by the Rules Committee and also the adoption of the amendments that Senator Beutler and I have which are really more technical in nature specifying the number of days and so forth as explained by Senator Beutler. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, do you have an amendment to offer?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I indicated to you that we needed to put on a technical amendment in order to make the proposition, it is not purely technical but a minor amendment in order to make the