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SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay, a bill is introduced by the Governor and a bill is introduced by myself. It is then referenced to a committee. The committee holds a public hearing and those two bills, the one introduced by the Governor and the one introduced by me goes directly to the floor only with the recommendation by the committee. If they decide my bill is bad, they recommend to the Legislature that it be indefinitely postponed but it still comes to the floor.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is right, both bills would come to the floor, and when the bills are taken up on the floor, in the one case the committee recommendation might be a set of committee amendments and you vote yes or no on them. In the other case maybe your bill, Senator Labedz, the committee didn't like the bill, so the recommendation is a motion to indefinitely postpone and that would be taken up first.

SENATOR LABEDZ: So all bills will go directly to General File regardless what the recommendation is or what their decision is, right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay, and, John, now your amendment, is yours different than that? If the committee decides, seven members, that that bill should be indefinitely postponed, then it is killed in committee rather than come to the floor?

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, under my proposal it is the identical system we have now, committee structure...

SENATOR LABEDZ: (Interruption) ...way it would be.

SENATOR DECAMP: Under his system, a committee is completely impotent.

SENATOR LABEDZ: That is right. Okay, that is what I wanted to (interruption).

SENATOR DECAMP: The committee is destroyed under his system. Under my system they have their powers, it is just that we allow them instead of waiting seven days for a hearing to do it immediately or a day or so, whatever, could do it immediately. Under my system the committee could amend it.