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laying on your desk as amended by the amendment that Senator Beutler and I are offering. It does not give more power to the Governor. It says the bills...all it says is that bills and resolutions shall be introduced on the first day only. Bills and resolutions offered by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, or offered pursuant to the statement filed with the Secretary of State and agreed to by 33 legislators, should we decide to do it ourselves, shall be introduced ahead of all other proposals. It doesn't say you can't introduce bills yourself. It doesn't say that any member of this body can't introduce a bill or resolution dealing with...as long as it is within the subject of the call which is obviously going to be the case in all cases of a special session which answers I think somewhat the question of Senator Higgins. I have no idea how many bills the Governor might be considering introducing but it has to be within the parameters of the call that he makes, whomever the Governor is and whenever a special session is called. Secondly, as to whether or not it does away with any power of the committee, if there is a special session this summer dealing with education, obviously it is going to be the Education Committee, I would assume that it might or probably would be referenced to. It may not be, I don't know, but as to the question as to whether or not it does away with the power of the committee, stop and think about it a little bit, read what the amendment says. It says that the proposed committee amendments or motions shall be considered prior to other motions or amendments. That is exactly the way we do it right now. The only difference is the body owns the bill because it is on General File. You are going to get a chance to vote on it. Whether or not you are on the Education Committee, you are going to get a chance to vote on it. Now if the committee decides they want to amend it, it is going to require the 25 votes the same as it does right now before the committee amendments are adopted. If, the only difference is, if the committee decides they want to indefinitely postpone a bill or bills, then five members of the committee decide to indefinitely postpone the bill. Then all under the proposed rule change as before you now, they don't actually kill the bill because the bill is on General File. They bring the recommendation to you and that is the motion they make to you is to indefinitely postpone it. You still get to vote. You get to vote whether or not the bill is killed. You come in for a special session. You have given up however much time it is of your summer or fall. You have come in for a special session. You don't