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from reading it, it tends to make bills introduced by the Governor, even though members of the Legislature may have identical bills on the same subject but go a slightly different direction but dealing with the subject, I think it gives a competitive edge, an unfair edge to the Governor's bills. I suggest that you don't destroy or create a competitive system that you use, what you do is this, what I have handed out, you take the existing system and you still use it only you make it, expedite it for the special session. So my amendment does as follows: The Reference Committee would reference the bill to the Standing Committee handling that. The second thing it would do, instead of waiting seven calendar days and having notices, you could have a hearing as soon as possible, within an hour if necessary, or appropriate. The maximum amount of delay would be five calendar days. The next thing is the filing of the report. We all know on particular bills we delay filing the report, maybe if you want time to rework a bill or try to get it reconsidered, you have eight days. In a special session, I would collapse that to 24 hours. In other words, the Chairman couldn't play around with the bill. He would have to report it one way or the other. And then there is eight calendar days under the existing system to force the Chairman to do something. I would collapse that to 24 hours. What about getting a bill on the floor that has been killed? It now requires 30 votes within the time frames that most of us would have to work. I changed that, I allow you to file that motion and get the action going and do it with 25 votes, the majority of the Legislature, which is what I think it should be. So I maintain the existing system, but I make it work within the shorter time frame and I think that is the appropriate thing to do, not destroy the committee system, not destroy the ability of legislators to deal with the issues, simply make it functional to do it within seven or eight or ten days maximum so you can do it efficiently but fairly. So I would ask you to support the amendments if you are going to do anything on this subject, or in the alternative to kill the rules changes proposed. I would ask Senator Beutler to support it which I understand he is not going to. With that said I would ask you to support the amendment and consider whether you want to create a separate system that could be used, not just by a Kerrey, but by any Governor in the future when they don't like or they have the inability to get a particular idea or proposal passed out here using the regular system. I ask you to support the proposal or do

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