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nothing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I do oppose the DeCamp proposal, however, if you adopt his proposal I will certainly recommend that you then advance the rule change because we need it. I didn't intend to say anything bad about Senator DeCamp today. However, he's used so many gross exaggerations today that I think it becomes us to expose hypocrisy every once in a while just so we know what reality is and you know you've heard the old saying about those who don't read history are doomed to repeat it and those that don't remember their own history are doomed to contradict themselves. I want to read to you from the rules of the special session, October 30, 1981. You may recall that Senator DeCamp was just arguing that our rules give the Governor such a preference and too much power. The fact of the matter is our rules treat the Governor just like they treat the senators. There is no difference whatsoever. Here is what Senator DeCamp proposed and had adopted at the special session in 1981. "Only the bills introduced at the request of the Governor shall be considered during the special session." That was when Thone was Governor, says he. John. John, what do you really believe? Would you like to hear another one of John's rules? Another one of John's rules says that the Reference Committee can reference at any place they want to including to the floor and there could be no objection by the body and was that adopted? Yes, it was. And was it referenced directly to the floor? Yes, it was. And John was supporting all of that because he understood that he didn't want committees bottling it up at that particular point in time. And Senator Lamb stood up earlier and said, this is all for Governor Kerrey, this is all to treat the Governor better and I repeat to you, it doesn't treat the Governor any better than the senators. However, on that particular day in 1981 when John proposed that only the Governor's bills be adopted, Senator Lamb was voting in favor of that as were Senator Barrett, Carsten, Chronister, Haberman, Hefner, Goodrich, Nichol, Peterson, Remmers, Schmit and Warner and I don't mention those names in any way to criticize them because that rule, in fact, was better than the rules that we had for our regular session because we don't have any rules that apply to special sessions. They're ridiculous. You can't introduce bills the first ten days of the session if you're talking about a