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DeCamp's or take the committee's. Both are better than the current law, but I suggest to you strongly that the Rules Committee's proposal is superior to Senator DeCamp's.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers. Pass over that temporarily. Senator Labedz, did you wish to speak on this? Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the body, I concur with several things that have been said. First of all, I urge you not to simply delay action. Inaction is, in fact, action by default so let us at this point make a decision on one or the other of these proposed rules changes. Obviously I support the committee's proposal for several reasons. It doesn't make any difference who is Governor or what the bills are that are being proposed, but a special session is indeed special. If it is important enough for us to give up our personal time to come back here to deal with an issue or issues presented to us, then we need to have the capability of dealing with it. I agree that the committee needs certain powers in regular sessions, but on a special session I feel that it is important enough to come before the entire body and not, in fact, be the property of one powerful chairman, no matter who that chairman is, or one powerful committee, no matter what that committee is, or which committee it is. If it's a special session, then it needs to be before all of us as a legislative body and we need to have the power to make that decision. Now I don't think this is zipping it through in any way as somebody has indeed referred to because the committee still retains its rights and privileges to conduct the hearing, the public hearing, the same as the committee would under any other circumstances and its proposals are, in fact, dealt with just as they would be in any other legislative arena, first and foremost. But it does bring it to the entire body immediately and it should be done that way. This is my personal feeling and I of course, obviously, would like to have and urge you to support the committee recommendation as opposed to Senator DeCamp's. Now again I remind you, special sessions are there for a reason and as a legislative deliberative body, if we are called back to deal with something that important, then let us all deal with it. Let us not give it into the hands of five or nine people or somewhere in the intermediary, but let's bring it before the entire legislative body. So I urge you to defeat Senator DeCamp's proposal and to adopt