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both sides balance. Now, back when that original proposal was made there were a lot of Republicans in here. Today there is a lot fewer of them. It's kind of a balance system and it's turned into a partisan system, it really is. So I suggest we recognize it's a partisan system. Back then we were trying to make sure Charlie Thone had all the clout he needed. Now, I'm trying to make sure that I just stay even and so I urge you to adopt this amendment and I'll go one step further. I'll go one step further, Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, Senator Beutler, Senator Beutler suggested that he could support those proposals I made with two changes and he mentioned a deadline on referencing, which of course he is the Reference Committee essentially, and a deadline on introduction of bills. I suggest that anything reasonable you offer I'll accept. I would hope we could do that, but I would hope first you would adopt the amendment and then offer your proposals and we could come out of this with a decent balance system that doesn't destroy the committee system. And then I'll put on the amendment about not being allowed to be quoting people and doing things like this. Bad, bad. You can't use my own rules against me five years later. It's not right.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The ruling of the Chair has been that we require 30 votes on these rules changes. Thirty. Point of order.

SENATOR DECAMP: This is an amendment. You're still requiring it to take 30 votes even for the amendment?

PRESIDENT: That's what my parliamentarian recommends.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well your parliamentarian isn't trying to muster votes.

PRESIDENT: He was out hustling there a minute ago.

SENATOR DECAMP: How many are excused?

PRESIDENT: One member is excused. Members are asked to record your vote on the measure before you, if you wish to vote. How do you wish to proceed, Senator?

SENATOR DECAMP: It's better to do something than nothing and this would be something. I'd ask for a call of the