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opportunities in the future. I know, as I said at the start, that you faced many disappointments yourself and disappointed many in the process of this session. But I believe that you will look back, as I will look back and Nebraskans will look back, and regard this particular session as an extremely productive one, not just for what you've done now, but what you provided us an opportunity to do in the future. I congratulate all of you and hope that you have a restful and happy summer. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT: Will the committee please escort the Governor from the Chamber.

(Gavel.) The Legislature will resume its session. May we have order in the Chamber, please. May we have order, please. We'll resume our deliberations. What does the Clerk have for us now?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the proposed rules change. (Beutler amendment appears on pages 2731-32 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Before we begin, Senator Beutler, let's see if we can get some order, please. (Gavel.) Let's have order in the Chamber, please. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we have about, I hope, about three to five more minutes of debate. I have one amendment in two parts to offer to the DeCamp amendment. You have chosen his version. That's fine. It's a substantial version, but it needs two items in it, I think, that need to be corrected and I think Senator DeCamp is agreeable to these. The first thing that I would do would be to say with regard to referencing, that the Referencing Committee should act within one legislative day of the bill's being introduced so that there is a time limit on when the Referencing Committee can act. And the second thing that I would do would be to say that bills and resolutions shall be introduced on the first day so that we know when the bills and resolutions are going to be introduced and when they're not going to be introduced anymore and that sets up the time sequence under Senator DeCamp's proposal whereby it all gets done in a reasonable amount of time and the committees cannot hold up action.