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SENATOR BEUTLER: Referencing portion.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Is there further discussion? Is there further discussion on the first portion of the Beutler amendment? Anything further, Senator Beutler? All right, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Beutler's first amendment.

PRESIDENT: The first portion of the Beutler amendment is hereby adopted. Now, we'll take up the second point. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Just a quick moment to speak to my objection. The amendment as introduced by Senator Beutler, or as explained by him, would require us put our bills and resolutions in on the opening day of a special session. Now the truth of the matter is that some of us don't always know precisely how we want a bill or resolution to be introduced and need more than...need a little lead time. Now one can say well there is lead time in the call itself and yet I know from personal experience that I just simply don't always have my act together by day one. Our current rule is that a bill has to be introduced within the first ten days of a legislative session. I am prepared at least at this juncture to simply live with that current rule even though most legislative sessions may well be over with in the ten day time period, meaning simply that the bill could be introduced at any time during the course of a legislative session. I think that allows more flexibility. I think that even though we recognize special sessions being somewhat hasty and certainly unique and obviously special, nonetheless, we at least ought to have the ability to introduce bills at any given time during the special session. If we want during the course of the special session to limit bill introduction, then we can do that by amending our own rule at the beginning of the special session which we have done in the past. But at this time I would oppose this rule saying all bills have to be introduced on opening day.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead is next on the speaking list.