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always be determined and discovered and devised to circumvent any of those activities. So it is unwise to pass a rule with one individual or one incident in mind unless that incident that occurred showed a basic weakness in the entire structure. I can't see that that much damage is going to be done if you can revive a resolution that had been killed in committee with 25 votes. I don't see the damage done if you can revive a bill that was killed by a committee with 25 votes. That is all the number it takes to pass it into law so I am going to oppose this rule change because I think it is needlessly adding to the rules. Another item that I didn't get to touch on before that I want to tell you all about is one of your best known lobbyists who is very successful who was talking to an individual from another state, and they asked him what he does. He said he is a cattle feeder. Oh, they said, I didn't know you were in ranching and that kind of activity. He said, I am not. They said, what do you do?. He said, I am a lobbyist. They said, why do you call yourself a cattle feeder? He said that is the only way I can talk to the legislators, if I feed them. And that is what his attitude is toward to those who are always sponging and mooching. So now that we lost on that meritorious proposition that could indeed do something about the public's perception of the Legislature, we ought to defeat this one which is not going to enhance any of the activities that we undertake. There are very few constitutional amendments proposed in this body that are genuinely controversial in the way that that Initiative 300 was. So I am opposed, with all due respect to Senator Morehead, to this particular proposition.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, first of all as a member of the Rules Committee, I object a little bit to Senator DeCamp insinuating that the Rules Committee took this action simply because of Senator DeCamp or some situation that arose last session, or that we were directed in some manner by the Farmers Union or any other organization. If you will recall, I think the issue that Senator DeCamp referred to, just a few days after that an almost exact circumstance arose with a different person in the Chair and there was a different set of circumstances, different number required because the rule is not clear. The Rules Committee, I think, was trying to make a sincere and genuine effort in setting forth something that is