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SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we should ask ourselves are these hearings for our convenience or for the public? And if they are for our convenience, we should stop calling them public hearings and we should try to take actions to do away with public hearings altogether rather than have a facade and a charade. So I am definitely opposed, if I understand Senator DeCamp's amendment to mean what I think he said it means, I am definitely opposed to that. Then I will talk about Senator Johnson's amendment because it is different I think in nature than what Senator DeCamp offered.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am again opposing this proposal. It seems to me we make a mistake in taking all of our time on what is now the second day of our legislative session. So I expect to vote no and I hope there are enough of us who follow suit so we can get to some other issues that need to come before us.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please, then Senator Vickers. Excuse me, I skipped Senator Haberman, sorry.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, members of the body, John DeCamp's idea has some merit. However, you can do that now. When you post when the hearing is going to be held, you can set a time limit at that time and then you can announce to the people who come there is a ten minute, fifteen minute time limit, and there is really no need for his compromise. Once you start to compromise or once you start giving this or giving that, pretty soon the whole thing is going to fly and we are going to end up with this mess on our hands. So I would suggest that we defeat Senator DeCamp's amendment and also defeat the rules change. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record,