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bills that don't deserve the same level of scrutiny that the more controversial bills do. But if you permit the 15 minute rule to be attached to a rule suspension and an immediate vote, what you've got is you've got the race track and a race track that is available for not only 968, but for everything else. Let's start putting the lottery bill out here. Let's start putting the death penalty bill out here. Let's start putting all of the measures that are deeply felt and then ignore our longstanding rule of 15 minutes of debate. It is a heads or tails, you take your risk day. And I'm just saying that it is unfortunate, but that rule ought to be allowed to play and suspending that rule, which by the way, I don't think even appears in the rule book, in this motion is very inappropriate. It attacks the heart of what consent calendar has meant generally to us all and I intend to vote no on the suspension and then the first legitimate chance I get to vote yes on 968, I'm going to do it. But this is bad process for us to be involved with.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, just so everybody understands, Senator DeCamp offered an amendment, offered an amendment to the committee amendments and then I think offered another amendment after the amendment to the committee amendments and the committee amendment was adopted to 968. I had my talk light on all the time. When the time came up, the Chair informed us we had, I think it was three minutes or two minutes left. Now, if I'd really wanted to kill the bill under the mechanisms we have on consent calendar, and it happened to me on one of my bills the last time we had a consent calendar, if you will recall, all you have to do is put up a kill motion. If you have a kill motion up there, it gives you ten minutes to talk on it, as we all know, and you can talk your ten minutes and the bill is dead. It is that simple. It never even comes up to a vote. I did not use the five minutes that was allotted to me. I didn't even have the five minutes that was allotted to me and it is not my fault. The proponents of the bill used up eight or seven minutes plus of the ten minutes. Now all of us know that if you've got a bill on consent calendar you handle it quickly because you're under...on a fast track. Now the question as to whether or not LB 968 is a good idea or not each of us has to answer ourselves, but I want it to be a matter of the record why I am standing up here and opposing it. The fact of the matter is we have no