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PRESIDENT: Senator Stull in the Chamber? Senator Stull we are ready for your motion here on the introduction of the bill.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Legislature, I would like to suspend the rules and introduce three bills. We are going through the Executive Board to do this. Now, the two bills, the requests are on your desk, number 1508-1509 and one deals with first class cities and the other with second class village boards and what these bills do is to change from 5,000 to 10,000 the amount of the contract that a city council can enter into for general improvements such as water extension, sewers, public heating systems, bridges, or work on street or any motor or other mechanical equipment. This bill was requested from the city of Alliance and we got fouled up a little bit, I thought that the League of Municipalities had the bills drafted and when the deadline came they indicated that they did have them, but they didn't so this is the only way to get them introduced. The other bill is one that was handed to Senator Carpenter and it deals with how the political subdivisions may invest their surplus funds. I move that the rules be suspended and that these bills be introduced at this time.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Keyes then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Stull, would you yield to a question? How many bills have you introduced this year?

SENATOR STULL: I have six.

SENATOR KEYES: Then you had plenty of room for these other three then.

SENATOR STULL: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Just a question, as I understand these raise the limits on whether you have to have a bid or not, is that right?

SENATOR STULL: Yes sir.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Is one of the main reasons what inflationary problems, have increased the amounts and made it more difficult to handle the lower amounts of bids or what?

SENATOR STULL: That is right Senator DeCamp, and another thing, one city calls for bid and sometimes their equipment isn't available and they don't receive any bids at all and then they have to readvertise and this would give them a little authority to negotiate on a piece of equipment.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Then what it in essence is is a right to negotiate in areas where it is very difficult to get a bid?

SENATOR STULL: That is right.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? Question is then, shall the rules be suspended and the bill introduced. All those in favor shall vote aye, those opposed vote no. Motion is to suspend the rules for the introduction of the three bills. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 31 ayes to suspend the rules.