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Today I'm a reformed man. I was somewhat disturbed yesterday when the Speaker and the other leaders of the Body said they didn't understand these bills. And they didn't think anybody else understood these bills. Now, that's a horrible indictment and I propose to change my ways and I propose, if I can, unless you want to suspend the rules which is your privilege and then you'll stand before the people in the area in which you say, we don't want to understand what we do and then stop complaining.

PRESIDENT: Well, then, the Chair...Senator Richendifer, the Chair's going to defer back to you then and I think we will take your motion.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: I move so, for the suspension of the rules. I didn't have bear guts for breakfast.

PRESIDENT: All right, very good. Now, we're suspending the rules. The rules will be suspended and the Final Reading will be quiet and...and quick and the members will be allowed to move about the chamber which is the change in the rules. Now, Senator Chambers is next to speak. Senator Nore, just a moment please. Senator Chambers is passing? Okay, thank you. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, as far as understanding the bills and amendments...if anybody here says that they understand all bills and amendments, maybe it is an indictment. If we have too many bills, I don't think they're telling the truth that they understand it all. We have too many bills and too many amendments, let's cut down the amendments, let's cut down the bills. Then we can operate with some intelligence.

PRESIDENT: All right now the motion before the House is that we suspend the rules, the Clerk read fast and deliberate and that you be allowed to move about the chamber as has been somewhat the usual fashion and that will require a suspension of the rules in order to adopt that motion. That takes 30 votes. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor, Senator Carpenter has asked for a Roll Call vote. Okay. Senator Carpenter asked for a Roll Call vote. Do you all understand the motion? All right, Clerk will proceed to poll the members.

CLERK: Took Roll Call vote.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, I'll try it one more time. The motion is to suspend the rules and that the Clerk read quietly and deliberately and that the members be allowed to move about the chamber. But that.....

CLERK: Continue Roll Call vote.

(End of Belt #1)

(Begin Belt #2)

Continuation of Roll Call vote. 27 ayes, 15 nays, 7 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. We're still ready for Final Reading. We'd like to clear the floor. Under those rules of the Legislature will read as usual. The members are required to be in their seats. Under the rules of the