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LB 626

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a few minutes ago while we were talking about suspending the rules, Senator Higgins made some comments which I thought were interesting and I thought I should respond to them. We have a one-house Legislature here and sometimes the only way to do something in a body like this is to stall and put on a large number of amendments and that is not a subterfuge because we all know what it is about, and I don't have any objection to that, and the mechanism for that is to suspend the rules and vote no more amendments. So I don't think it is a procedure that should alarm us. It is a very accepted procedure, and in a one-house Legislature where we have no second house to correct our mistakes, maybe it is not a bad deal at all. So whoever has a lot of amendments, feel free to stick them up. I am sure there will be a motion to suspend the rules sooner or later and when we get there maybe it will have slowed down and maybe those of us who are undecided on this bill will have had a chance to think about it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wiitala. Could we have order in the Chamber? Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and colleagues, I was wondering if Senator Beutler would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: I'm sure he would.

SENATOR WIITALA: Senator Beutler, this is your amendment but I am just wondering, how many amendments do you have on LB 626?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know how many, several.

SENATOR WIITALA: Several. Could you give me an approximate number?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I really can't, I don't know how many. Lots of them.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Just for the record, may I ask the Clerk, how many amendments are offered in Senator Beutler's name on LB 626?

CLERK: I believe there are 96, Senator.

SENATOR WIITALA: Okay. Well, Mr. President and colleagues, I have been long enamored by my distinguished colleague and