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legislative aide could do it for them. But I can remember one particular senator that would introduce bill, after bill, after bill and invariably send their legislative aide to do the talking for them. That is something I think maybe needs to be addressed. That would certainly show us whether or not that senator is serious, because I know the senator that did this quite frequently was not serious about his bills. So, I think I've answered all the objections to this amendment. And I would hope that the body would vote to adopt it. Strike the committee rule that we do not have public hearings, and let's have the public hearing, and let's let the poor chairman off the hook by saying they only have to have a maximum of one hour on each bill, and that will certainly give you more efficient hearings. After the hour is up they can say, gee, I'm sorry, but the legislative rules say only one hour per bill. That way the public can't get angry at the chairman or the committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Higgins. We are now prepared to vote on the Higgins amendment to the Morehead amendment. All those in favor signify by voting aye, those opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It appears that the issue has been settled. We are now back on the main amendment offered by Senator Morehead. Senator Morehead, please.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I think that probably the die is cast, but I do think that this is a very important issue for us all to address. The Morehead amendment was really the Rules Committee advanced amendment, carried by Morehead as Chair, and I want to clarify that. But.... So, we all had a stake, as the Rules Committee, in this particular amendment, and I do believe that every member of the Rules Committee has appreciated this discussion because we did spend a lot of time trying to resolve the problem that had been brought to us. I do believe that Senator Withem presented to you some very thoughtful questions about the 30th legislative day, or maybe the 40th legislative day of this session you need to ask yourself about this particular amendment as proposed to you in relation to our hearing process. In no way was it the intent of the Rules Committee to cut off public information or public hearings on issues. The Rules Committee firmly intended that