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he can't. Mercury, quicksilver, Houdini, and mercury is very dangerous when you let it come in contact with yourself or you breathe the fumes from it. Mercury is not to be played with, but children play with mercury and other things. Children play with matches and start fires. Children play with adults when they ought to stay in the sandbox at preschool. So we're having a clinic here today. I hope you adopt Senator Wesely's rule. His aim is to streamline the utilization of the time. Don't take a vote on each bill on Final Reading, designated by the Speaker to be voted on without it being completely read. Senator Willhoft, let me explain what we're talking about here 'cause as I consider, we do have new people who may not be as familiar with this process as the rest of us. Every bill, when it reaches Final Reading, has to be read in its entirety. A rule was adopted which said that every bill will be read in its entirety unless three-fifths of the members vote not to read it. So it's not a situation where the Speaker just says, we're not going to read these bills. A vote has to be taken, and if three-fifths of the members agree, then the bill will not be read. They read the title and then they...after the reading, will not take...call the vote until three minutes have passed. People can vote any time during that three minutes, but the vote will not be called or announced, which means nothing else can be done, until three minutes have passed after the Clerk has read the title of the bill. The Speaker, on our agenda for the Final Reading day, will list all the bills that he wants us to handle in that fashion without reading at large. Currently, each bill would be put to a vote of the body. Shall we read this at large or not? If three-fifths say no, then it's not read. If he doesn't get three-fifths, then it's read. The way Senator Wesely wants to change this is to say that if there are ten bills, or whatever number, that the Speaker does not want us to read in their entirety. They will be put into one package and, instead of voting on each one of those bills as it comes up, you will vote one time on the entire package of bills. So, there might be bills in there that you want read in their entirety, and others that you don't, but with Senator Wesely's motion, if you adopt his rules change that is, you get one vote on the entire package, take it or leave it. So what I'm saying now if there are bills that I don't like, or if I need time to consider some bills, then when the motion is made by the Speaker, I presume the Speaker will make the motion that you accept this