

state officials that we ought to understand. First of all because of the diverse nature of this group we are the most heavily criticized collectively of any group and probably the safest in terms of re-election of any group. It is very seldom that an incumbent gets kicked out of office from the Legislature. There have been four or five examples since I have been here. In West Point they like Senator Hasebroock and maybe not like Senator Lewis and in Bellevue they like me and they don't like someone else. Yes, that is true, Senator Chambers, I want to tell you without question that that would be the name that would be properly identified. But you know we are the victims of our own creation sometimes. Even those that come to the Legislature and ask that you do things for them, immediately turn around and criticize you. Senator Marvel and I appeared at the Press Association Saturday. One of the questions was, how come you guys offer so many bills? How come you do that? I told them that four, five or six of them came from the Press Association. So I told them that I have got an amendment and I have got a rule change right here in front of me, I just showed Senator Kahle, that here is a way to really resolve the issue and put the cards on the line in terms of the criticism that we receive. I have a rule change to Rule 5, Section 4 that says "Immediately after the introducer of the bills name, and his or her district, the introducer shall clearly identify by its legal name or title any organization on whose behalf such bill is being introduced." Now that rule change has been introduced and I have asked the Rules Committee to look at it. That is the kind of criticism that we are receiving. That is why we are getting low marks. That is why we are getting the issues before us in terms of the total collective view point of the Legislature. I think that the commission idea is correct. Senator Reutzel has done the right thing. I think that we further make it a political thing in terms of salaries if we went to this commission. Again I reiterate, the over whelming desires of the members of this Legislature for being here is not for compensation. I would like the press to understand that for once and for all. Everytime there is a discussion of the salary bill the members of the press can't wait to get downstairs to say that the senators want more money. This is a minor insignificant nothing issue, for the members that are here. I for one am absolutely tired of the criticism that comes to the members of this Legislature.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

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