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All those in favor....Senator Simon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SIMON: Well I've had my light on during the whole debate waiting to get to the original issue and I've waited patiently through all the amendments and I was....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well you haven't been any more patient than I have.

SENATOR SIMON: No, I will agree with the Chair. Maybe almost as patient.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead, I recognize you.

SENATOR SIMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will be brief. I rise to oppose the rule change amendment in whatever form it's currently in with the meritorious Lewis amendment notwithstanding. I think that by this proposed rule change we're insulting the very intelligence of every member of this body and we're saying that you don't have enough sense to come out of the rain, you don't have enough self-restraint to make those determinations in signing bills notwithstanding the Lewis motion which would begin to address some of the issues. I personally feel that as has been said earlier that each committee has a different workload, has a different capacity, and what might be good for a workload for Senator Reutzel's committee is totally unacceptable for Senator Nichol's committee, and that's the way that it should be. This is the problem that you get into when you try and place certain restrictions that are inflexible across the whole wide spectrum. It would seem to me that members of this body should show restraint, which I think that they have done. I think that in this Legislature Senator Carsten introduces far less bills than the vast majority of state legislatures across the country, and I think that the record and the history of this Legislature is a good one in terms of disposing with those bills. I, for one, make no apology for this Legislature, for any member of this body, introducing the quality of bills we have introduced, and if you are personally ashamed of the number of bills then it's your prerogative, but I will defend this body in the action that they have taken. I think if the public understands what this body is doing in terms of not holding secret meetings, in terms of not bringing stuff up on Final Reading and sticking it through amendments, which we have consistently not done..this Legislature has been