

the Constitution now one person for example, well let's say twenty years from now we might have instead of forty-nine members in here we might have a hundred members and one person then could really hamstring an operation of a hundred other people.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well we have had trouble getting the public to buy it before and I guess I am concerned about leaving it open with some doubt.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well the reason that we went to this is that it is a different wording and it doesn't eliminate it in its entirety because it does provide that escape valve. So if we do have a controversial measure, we do have a long bill, we can read the bill on Final Reading pursuant to our rules and I of course have no idea what our rules might read.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well as most of you know I think the way we read the bills now I think we all agree that it is a waste of time and I, for one, if we do not, aren't successful or if we do not get a constitutional amendment I am going to ask that the bills be read so we can hear it and understand it and so I think we should really take that into consideration because the way we do it now is absolutely stupid.

PRESIDENT: ...recognizes Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, you know it seems to me that we hear the same kind of discussion year after year relative to this particular argument and honestly, how many of us really pay attention to Final Reading? I have heard figures that as much as twenty, twenty-five, thirty percent of our time during one year is devoted to Final Reading. Senator Kahle mentions a point that he thinks the public wouldn't buy this. I don't think the average constituent of ours realizes what we are attempting to do here. So I think really it is a matter of what you think to be in the best interest of legislative procedure. To me that twenty, twenty-five, thirty percent of the time could be used more wisely. I think too, for the most part, by the time the bill gets over to Final Reading, you know just exactly where you are going to vote on that issue. Certainly it is not Final Reading. It is not Final Reading that makes or breaks that particular bill. You know by then what you want and what you want to do. So I would say this. I would say the amendment as proposed to us today seems reasonable. If you want that bill read then you will have it read and I believe Senator Reutzel when he says...has the rule been drafted, Senator Reutzel? Is