

issue just like we are going to do today, we'd vote on it once because we would have another house that would examine it as well. We would have a slow deliberative process. When the Legislature was enacted you can take a look in our Constitution they have a very unique process that has us voting three times on every bill. There is no way that you can handle a bill in less than about nine days. That was deliberate. It was deliberate to allow, number one, the public to know what was going on and, number two, the public to react. When we have news coverage now on this bankruptcy act the first time the people are going to hear about it is on Final Reading. There is no chance to react, there is no chance to send us a letter, there is no chance to tell us that this language needs to be updated. Now the procedure in the Constitution says that it is General File, Select File, Final Reading and the people of this state would hear on all three stages of what we were about to do and could react and you could all receive the kinds of letters that I have received giving a very detailed analysis of this language. But we are not going to give the public a chance to do that if we act like we do today. All we are going to do is allow the people who have lobbyists out there who can react, who can know what is going on on the inside, and who knows where every little piece of language is on these bills to react. I really don't think that is fair and I really think that it is a violation of what we did when we created the Unicameral. We created a system that was necessarily slow. Necessarily several steps to allow the public to react and know what was going on, to hear the public reaction, to get the press accounts and then to be able to respond to bills that were going to be passed. The essence of the legislative process is deliberation. It is deliberation. What we do today is not a deliberative step. Although I will support in the event it is attached the language to 940, I'm not going to support its attachment in this fashion because the only reaction that I think the public is going to have is a chance to read about it after it has been to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, the issue that I am going to bring before you has to be analogized to what is happening here today. The incident that I am going to deal with occurred in a committee where the public was not given adequate opportunity to realize that a bill was going to be substantially altered. Today a bill with a different number is to be changed and made to carry some other material. This comes from a February 21, 1979 article of the World Herald and it says: "Bill changing tactic draws heat. A committee of state senators convenes a public hearing on a pending legislative bill. The subject has been