

in the Legislature in recent years that is serious. Now you laugh and many people have used it. I have not yet used it. I can as much as the next person. I have not used it because I think it is improper and if I am going to do it I am going to suspend the rules or try it that way. Now to answer Senator Kelly's question, why not just suspend the rules? Because under our rules you cannot even reach the suspension of the rules question until you have gone through every one of Davy Newell's amendments and there is the key word, amendments. Now take your rules book, take your parliamentary rules book, take anything you want and learn what an amendment is, learn what germane has been interpreted over the years and, Senator Fowler, I think as chairman of Rules, Senator Beutler, as one who is concerned about rules, if you are serious and sincere about this process as you always claim, then make it hold together in conditions like this. An amendment, it says, "No motion, proposition or subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment." What I am claiming simply is these really aren't amendments intended for amendments. The intent is simply to stall the bill and if you allow it, if you allow it today it can happen to all of you tomorrow. It is a bad process to allow to go on, whether it is water bills, whether it is state aid bills or anything else. You cannot allow a flaw if you want or a practice that is bad and developed over the years to be used to run the Legislature by one or two or five persons. You have to have a system to reach votes, to reach the issue. You have to start doing that or you will be its victims and the state will be its victims. If you allow this policy to proceed then calling them amendments, I prepare a hundred things and I put them on the state aid bill on Final. I put them on formula bills on Final. I repeat, you cannot even reach a suspension of the rules the way our rules are written. You will not even get to that because you have to take up every "amendment" first. Now I am asking to overrule the Chair because I am contending very simply that they aren't really amendments. They are not really amendments. They are intended otherwise and no motion, proposition or subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. This is serious business as to how the Legislature is going to function on Final Reading and in the future. I urge you to overrule the Chair, to establish once and for all that amendments have to be amendments, not game playing, not used to control the Legislature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes. Now the motion is, shall the chair be overruled and that is all we are speaking to.