

be true. So I just thought you ought to know why it originally was put on, that you had to read every bill in Final Reading. It was because the Clerk had to read it, that he was the only one that could read it. That is the only reason the thing was put on originally. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I wonder if Senator Beutler would respond to a question please. Senator Beutler, I apologize for not being at the hearing on this particular bill and I didn't have this opportunity to ask this question of you at the hearing but I was wondering if you would be amenable to amending this to require that our rules would require the reading at large on Final Reading unless we suspended the rules?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vickers, I haven't thought about that but I am not generally in favor of any rules that call for the suspension of rules. If we want to make....

SENATOR VICKERS: Let me explain just a little bit, if I may, Senator Beutler. The concern has been raised here this morning by several members, and quite frankly I share that concern, and you, as somebody that has been very interested in the rules in the past, I think probably share that concern to some degree also that many of our rules are designed to slow the process down. As a matter of fact, the majority of our rules are designed with that in mind, it seems to me, and it is designed that way because we are a Unicameral. We don't have another House for the check and balance that other states do, so with that in mind, and also the fact that the citizens of this state share that same concern I think, as has been alluded to here, perhaps the citizens would be more amenable to taking it out of the Constitution, if, in fact, it went into our rules and would require a vote of this body to suspend the rules in order to not have the Final Reading.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If this constitutional amendment were passed, then the only requirement on the Legislature would be the requirement that if one Senator requested a reading, he could obtain it. Any other rules that we wanted to make with regard to procedures on Final Reading, we could make then. The problem with the constitutional amendment to me is that it locks us in. It says, "You will do it this way". With this amendment, we are only locked in in one respect and that is if one Senator requested it, we would have to have it. Any other rules you wanted to make or we, as a body,