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already notified us that we are going to have trouble getting through even our priority bills and I would suggest to you again that the time spent on Final Reading would be much better spent on General File or Select File arguing the bills in detail. And I would ask you to move the bill, or ask you to reconsider so that we can vote on this on Final Reading another time. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I have had a great interest in this proposed constitutional amendment that Senator Beutler has for ever since I have been here, and I was absent the day it was considered and I think it is important that several of us who were absent are given an opportunity to make a decision in favor. I have sat through too many Final Readings where it was an absolute waste of time. Senator Beutler has provided a provision where if one member asks that a bill be read, it can be, and I think that is appropriate. I am sure that if many people out in the state were to observe television when we do Final Reading really know that it is sort of a mockery and not the best use of time, particularly when we work under constrictions of days. So I would hope that we would support Senator Beutler's attempt to give us another chance to place our vote in favor of LB 5A, the constitutional amendment, and allow the Legislature to proceed with its time in a more orderly way. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh and then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, a question of Senator Beutler.

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SENATOR MARESH: Senator Beutler, would you consider an amendment to specify that all new language proposed shall be read at large? Instead of reading the entire...all the old language, just specify in the Constitution that the new language shall be read? The new sections, or if it is an entirely new bill, then it shall be read?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Maresh, I would be very amenable to doing this. I am not sure that I would be amenable to that and putting that into the Constitution because I am not sure how you would word it. Reading the new language in and of itself will most of the time really not