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CLERK: Cointroduction shall not apply towards...

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I'm just clarifying that we're not wanting to count cointroduction against your bill limit. What we're trying to do is limit the introduction but after the bill is introduced go ahead and add your name. It is not going to hurt anything. The bill is in there and if you are participating in the bill it shouldn't count against your bill limit total. I was just trying to clarify that. I thought it was in the rule. I thought it was clear but Pat had some questions and we want it clarified. Yes, if a bill is introduced it will count against somebody with this but if you add your name to it after it is in it is only going to count against somebody and you can just add your name. It doesn't count against you but the person who introduced it will it count against his bill limit total.

SENATOR CLARK: I got Senator Schmit, Senator DeCamp and Senator Nichol. Do you all want to talk on the amendment? Senator Schmit, on the amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, once again I can see Senator Wesely's concern is because of the fact that of course we're concerned about the overall limitation. Many, many times, it's happened here today several times, we have been asked to sign bills as members of committees, as cosponsors, cointroducers, et cetera. As soon as we build a fence we begin to try to find some loopholes we can build in the fence so we can get on the outside of it you see. It is one more situation which we have to do if we build the original fence. I don't believe we should have the original limitation. As Senator DeCamp has pointed out, as other members have pointed out time after time after time on this floor today, we're here for the purpose of trying to resolve the problems that face the people of the State of Nebraska and when we arbitrarily say we're going to limit introduction by one method or another, anyone who has been here more than a few weeks knows how to get around that limitation. It is just like trying to build a high fence to keep a wily steer inside. He is going to find some way to get on the outside and he is going to be standing out there looking at you every morning when you come out to feed so you just as well give up the ghost, folks. It isn't going to work. Any one of us here that is worth his salt can introduce fifty bills if he so chooses because someone is going to introduce them for him and it may just very well, it may just very well fool you because I could have Senator Dworak introduce a bill for me and you go ahead and pass it. Whereas ~~whereas~~ ~~his~~ ~~name~~ ~~is~~ ~~on~~ ~~it~~ and you knew I was responsible you would kill the thing. See? And so I think you want to be awfully careful about when you try to resolve