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bills introduced, they will resent it more if they come in here directly on the floor as amendments. So I think it is a sad mistake to try to change the rules we started with last session and put any severe limitation on numbers of ideas that people want to give that public hearing to. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, do you want to talk on the rules change?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the mood of the Legislature today I think is fairly clear but I guess I just want to comment on how sad it is how quickly we forget the history of the Legislature, the history of this body. It wasn't so many years ago that Terry Carpenter introduced about two hundred bills in one session and that is an extreme example but I think that those that argue that there should be no bill limitation have to give an answer to the Terry Carpenter example. That example is an exaggeration but it points out a process and it points out what attitude intelligent manipulative individuals will take in a Legislature if they want to get a large number of bills passed. I submit to you that the more bills you introduce, the more bills in the end you'll have passed. It is almost a matter of percentages. The more bills you introduce, the more power you have over other people because there will be people who don't like some of those bills you're introducing. You introduce a bill to do something bad in my Legislature, you may not be really interested in that, but I am interested in it and so I help you with some other bill that you're dealing with and this is the type of thing we have to eliminate from the process and work towards eliminating from the process. I feel like Senator Newell feels. The time that we have, we are limited by the people to sixty and ninety days and within that time period there is only so much one person can do and I, for one, don't want to spend my time at a public hearing, hours and hours and hours on bills that people aren't serious about, that have no chance of passage and then come to Final Reading and find I haven't had time to read a bill that is about to become law and those of us who are going to speak honestly here are going to have to honestly admit that on Final Reading as the session goes on, there are a large number of bills we have not had an opportunity to properly review and look at and that is our first responsibility. That is our very first responsibility is to have looked at in depth and analyzed and feel comfortable with every bill that passes into law and so long as we're in ninety day sessions and so long as this Legislature is inundated with bills and so long as we're forced to spend