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question of Senator Chambers also?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Chambers, what is the rule right now for introduction of a bill beyond the 10th day other than the Governor's bills or the appropriations bills?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We would have to take a vote and, Mr. Clerk, how many votes would that require?

CLERK: It would take 30 votes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would take 30 votes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: So even if this rule suspension vote does not pass today, which will take 30 votes, you could, if it is deemed necessary by the Legislature, suspend the rules or take a vote of 30 votes...have a vote of 30 votes on the floor to introduce a bill at any time during the session anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That would always be a possibility but this provision was contained in the resolution that was adopted by more than 30 votes, but the adoption of the resolution itself could not achieve this purpose. So if there is opposition to the idea, then it would have been good to challenge it in the resolution. This is not a fast shuffle. And if the body would choose not to do it, I'm not going to argue it and take any time this morning. I would just seek the vote and if you vote it up, fine; if you vote it down, it would be all the same.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: But the fact does remain that you could, as a committee, introduce by a suspension vote, 30 votes on the floor, introduce a bill at any time during the session.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is correct, Senator Hannibal, as it is with anything that would be covered by our rules. We could just suspend whatever rule it is by 30 votes. This would be an expeditious way to do it. There may not be any legislation developed between now and the end of the session, but if it were, then it would just be introduced. I say again, if the body would choose not to do it that way and should there be legislation, have a discussion at that time to see whether we