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SENATOR CROSBY: Would you mind?

SENATOR MOORE: If I can't, Senator Lynch probably can.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, no, I'm just curious as a newcomer. Has there been widespread abuse of the concept of this rule? Have people put their names on arbitrarily or the co-introducer didn't want them to? Or what is the...what's behind it?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, there's...

SENATOR CROSBY: I'm not against the rule. I just want to understand what I'm voting for.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, there's not been that widespread, there's been some cases where...there has been some cases where people have...at Final Reading the introducer looked up and saw somebody else's name on a bill that they were unaware of why it was there. They did not know it was going to be there. You know, for instance, someone was taking credit for sponsoring a bill where they only put their bill on Select File.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: And also there was a more specific case and maybe some...actually, it was before my time, before I was working here, on a bill dealing with local control of liquor. Several people added their name to that bill and then when they had a poll on what should be done with the bill there was enough co-introducers that added their name to it to overrule the people that actually introduced the bill. And so there has been some isolated cases where it has been a problem and this...

SENATOR CROSBY: Uh-huh.

SENATOR MOORE: ...rule would help alleviate those.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I would like to thank Senator Lynch and the Rules Committee for their support for this rule change. It simply puts into our rules