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what we have always considered a common courtesy in the practice on the floor. I think it would correct some concerns that Senator Moore has outlined for us and I don't think there should be any problem because I think all of us have assumed this is the way we would handle the situation and it would put it in the rules.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, Mr. President, I turned my light on when Senator Crosby was quizzing Senator Moore. I just wanted to add to some of the things he had to say. Mostly, this is a courtesy sort of change, is the rationale. There have been some occasions when people work long and hard on a bill and most of the time we don't care if we share the glory in getting a piece of legislation passed. In some cases though there have been some people adding their names for maybe political purposes. But I guess, operationally, the biggest problem that we have had in the past, and it hasn't been all that often, is the case where Senator Moore indicated the specific incidents. There are prerogatives that people that are signed on to bills have in scheduling bills and determining its priority status, in determining when a bill is laid over, when a bill is taken up, and there did develop a practice here, a couple of years ago people sneaking up, adding their names to bills when the introducer wasn't there so they could participate. Senator Chambers didn't like the term "sneaking up" because he knows nobody sneaks around in this body. I certainly apologize for any characterization I might have had. But they were then...then after...they were helping determine the destiny of a bill as to when it was scheduled, whether it was a priority bill, or all, and this would forestall that. And I think that's maybe more the practical...the problem solving nature of this bill. Most of it though is I think a courtesy sort of thing dictating common courtesy within our rules. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, would you like to close on your rules suggestion?

SENATOR LYNCH: I would waive closing, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the rule. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. Let's see, we need 30 votes on this, don't we? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.