

tomorrow, it's over, folks. There is no television station that goes statewide, other than ETV, and it isn't broadcast live, statewide, except under extraordinary circumstances, same way with radio coverage. So I think there is nothing we can do about this right now, except to say let's, in the future, both on the legislative side and the executive side, be more sensitive to the need for the public to know and be able to track what's going on out there, and for them to be able to make suggestions and contributions as we debate some very highly technical points. I know we all have networks of people that we go to and we run these things by. But I do think that in addition to the frustrations that we feel, that if I were a member of the public out there right now, trying to follow this, I would literally be my wits end. And I think this might be a thing for the Rules Committee to take up as we talk about how we inform the public and what kind of notice we put out to the public. This would be an appropriate issue to think about in the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, did you wish to comment on this?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'd just rise to explain, I guess a little bit, not necessarily defend, because there is nothing to defend, and I don't feel any need to defend anything, the process that the Revenue Committee went through. We scheduled a hearing on eight bills that lasted eight and a half hours for the first full day that we had the opportunity to do that, that was Friday. We met in Executive Session today with only seven of the eight members, because that was the earliest point at which we could garner that many members together. Put together the materials, submitted them to the Bill Drafters who did yeoman's work in having them put together. Currently, LB 1, LB 2, and I'm signing LB 7 right now, are all down and will be on the Clerk's desk before five-thirty this afternoon. Explanations, bill summaries of the amendments are being copied. You've been handed, I think, LB 2, you'll get LB 1, hopefully, before five-thirty, and as soon as we have the explanation of amendments to LB 7, you'll get those shortly, they're being punched out of the machine as I speak. So we will have that information for you. Whether or not you'll get the draft copies of the amendments, I don't know, that's going to depend on the printers and how soon we get these over there. But we...just as difficult as it has been for members of the public, it hasn't been a piece of cake for members of the