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calls that he gets from other folks who need help. Yesterday I had two calls from people in Ernie's district. I had one from Loran Schmit's, and I could go on down the litany like Ernie does on occasion. That's probably because of my old days on the county board when the people used to call me when everything else failed and I think that same thing happens to Ernie. But none of that really has anything to do substantively with what we're discussing here. That's why Ernie works on Saturdays and Sundays making phone calls and I had 14, I just made the list, last Sunday, calls I had to return. You see, none of that was ever intended...what we're suggesting with the rule change was never intended to interfere with that personal and...and responsibility we have. As far as forcing anybody to do anything, certainly nobody would do that. And as far as accomplishing all of those things that Ernie mentioned, I think that we all have and should do and it's our responsibility to do the service to our constituents. When we're bored with the debate on any other reading except Final, obviously, that's possible. And on Final Reading, in this case, if you feel obliged to do that, you can certainly be excused and by listening to the squawk box you can always come back and vote. So I don't think it really interferes with a heck of a lot, except that it would provide for us a chance to move our system along in a more orderly way. Or, again, I would say this rule change was not recommended to offend or interfere with any lifestyles but simply offer us an opportunity only on Final Reading, but during all of the other processes of debate stay the same, the committee responsibilities and that process stays the same. But this seemed the kind of a recommendation that made some sense and so I would respectfully suggest that it still does and I would ask for your support for this rule change.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. We will now vote on the amendment to the permanent rules. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the Rules Committee amendment proposal as it relates to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: I'm sorry, Madam Chairman and members, I thought