

mistakes? Absolutely not, we'll never do that. As long as we have human beings involved in the process, we're always going to be subject to some mistake. But we do, on a variety of issues, when we do find mistakes what do we do? We amend it into another bill that comes later, if it's a technical mistake. If it's a policy mistake, we do a variety of things to stop enforcement or delay that and come back and we fix those. Does it happen very often? No, and I think that on balance the better policy for the state is to allow us that flexibility for Final Reading, to dispose with it when we need and feel necessary to do so. The other one that I would suggest to the Legislature to do is if we have a problem and need some time to reflect upon our vote, the best way is to pass another rule that gives us 5, or 10 minutes, or 15 minutes in which to record your vote on Final Reading.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Would be a much better use of our time. If we really do want to spend that time to say, look, and it can become pretty rapid fire. If you have a number of short bills, the Clerk reads through them quickly, there's a number of rapid fire votes. If you want to slow that process down and you really do want the time to reflect on what to do, I'd say let's pass that rule, and we can perhaps even do that as a matter of custom and the Chair allowing additional time to register your votes. I'd be happy to answer any questions. This is exactly the same amendment that was to be placed before the voters last fall, I bring it back to you. I know that there are people who have opinions, who feel strongly on both sides. I think it is...certainly was the will of this body last year to do so, I hope that you would find such the case this year, and I'd urge you to advance LR 4. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, Madam President, members of the body, I rise more to talk about the process here than any of the relative merits of any of the constitutional amendments, although I probably will ultimately get around to saying a few nice remarks about LR 4CA because I do think it is a good proposal. We all know that the five constitutional amendments were ruled off the ballot by the Supreme Court last spring. I would hope that we could spare ourselves today any lengthy