

Final Reading, and much to my amazement, after being here 12 years, there is no rule and nothing in the rules that specifically prohibits debate on Final Reading. Our practice has been the debate has taken place under motions to return and that's probably the preferable method, but it would be my intention, if this motion passed, to proceed along the following lines, that when a bill is announced, such as the first one, LB 189E is announced, there would not be an opportunity for amendments, there would not be opportunities for motions on that bill but individuals wishing to speak on whether they think the bill should pass or not pass would have an opportunity to hit their chair light. I thought about this motion. I had been...it had been recommended to me by some members that we do the traditional cut off all motions, amendments in debate. I didn't want to do that. But some members did feel it's important that we do not leave everything totally open-ended if we want to get the work of the body done in a reasonable time fashion today. All of these bills, I believe, have had, by now, extensive debate on them and members ought to, at this point, be able to give their final arguments as to why a bill should pass or not pass but then allow the body, the will of the body to work. On the other hand, if the body does not wish to take this somewhat extraordinary...well, I'm not going to say somewhat, it is an extraordinary step, then they could vote down this motion. We then have an alternative motion up there filed which would simply suspend the one-day layover on the three or four bills that need that suspension and then we could proceed on our business as we like. With that, I would urge your adoption of the motion.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. On the motion to suspend the rules, Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Witek, Lindsay and Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we start on the last day or we end on the last day as we started with attempts to change the rules to try to stifle me. That's why this motion is being made. I know it. Senator Withem knows it. Everybody in the Legislature knows it. the news media know it. The people from the Governor's office who had made various suggestions to the Speaker know it. What this motion shows is why the amendment to the rules that Senator Will and Senator Bromm have pending which would let the Speaker do anything he chooses to do, is totally unwise because politics of the worst variety, in my mind, will come into play. The Speaker already