

One new resolution, Madam President. (Read summary of LR 292CA. See pages 277-78 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I had, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair now recognizes Senator Will to open on the third proposed rule change.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Proposed rules change number three is also found on page 264 of the Journal. All it would do is change from two to one the number of legislative days that a bill would need to lay over before being read on Final Reading. The Article III, Section 14 of the Nebraska Constitution provides that the, that the Legislature can't vote on the final passage of any bill until it has been on file for Final Reading and passage for at least one legislative day. Our rules, in recent history at least, have always required a layover of two legislative days which, so, by rule a bill has to lay over an additional day beyond that which is required by the constitution. As a practical matter, I believe that during the course of a session most bills that are referred to Final Reading lay over for substantially longer than one legislative day, or two legislative days even, before being read. This rule seems to only come into play at crunch time at the end of the session when we need to read bills after they've laid over for the constitutionally required one day, but not the legislative rule requirement of two days, so we simply suspend this rule. This change would simply make our rules congruent with the constitutional requirement. Senator Withem brought this rules change, so at this time I'd let him comment additionally on it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, thank you, Senator Will. Senator Will did an excellent job of referring, explaining what this rule change does. Somebody the other day, I think, made the comment, or maybe it was even today, I don't remember which, but that anytime you have a rule that is, limits the Legislature's ability and is suspended any number of times during a session, maybe the rule doesn't, doesn't need to be there. Again this will...I have never in my 12 or 13 years of being here, I have never seen this rule limit the Legislature's ability to, to conduct its business. We've always simply taken the vote and