

every bill was processed and addressed and either passed or killed, nothing was left on the table. But, with that, I would hope you would think carefully about the long-term impact of starting to put limitations, further limitations on the ability of the Legislature, a Legislature, not to address citizens concerns. The more you restrict it, it may seem popular, but the more you restrict it the less will be the ability to address, or the more hurriedly those decisions are made and the chance for error is even increased. You know, we have a constitutional prohibition that no bill can be passed sooner than seven days,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...that's to slow up the process, that's why it's there, so people have an opportunity to know what's being proposed. And yet we always want us to hurry the process. Citizens are served best with a slow, deliberative process. To some extent that's what we have. Historically, we used to have that very much so. But anything that begins to distract from that, that type of deliberate process for deliberation and time to consider what is being done will result in the public being less well served. And I would be opposed to any change that would be proposed in this bill that limits the Legislature.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. After Senator Warner's comments, I think my comments would be significantly shorter. When we move into this area, and I have had the same exposure to citizens comments as every member of the body. Why do you introduce so many bills? You ought to limit to 5, or 10, or 1, or 2, or 46, or whatever that constituent's particular feelings are. But as soon as you do this, in addition to the things that Senator Warner was talking about which are practical applications of how we would operate in that kind of an artificial restriction, you have to immediately begin to consider exceptions to the rule. Just this very morning we had revisors bills, which are the responsibility of whoever is in the Chair of Exec Board to introduce. And it is...this morning we had ten. And it's conceptually possible, and we've had, I think, in recent memory, as high as 18. And those are things that need to be done because there are problems in the law. So we immediately, in this proposal, would have to