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the Senate, although when they were putting the Senate together, a Britisher was watching the proceedings and said Americans want a House of Lords, but they have no lords for the purpose, so they called it the Senate. There is not a second house. It makes no sense to take a rule patterned for the House of Representatives, where it's organized on a partisan basis also, and apply it to a one-house nonpartisan unicameral. It doesn't make sense. Senator Dierks has had to resort to extended debate on occasion. This rule serves no purpose. But I say, again, if the rule stays, consent calendar doesn't exist this session either unless we're going to go through the formal step each time the Speaker puts it on the agenda of my offering enough amendments to each bill to make sure that none will be dealt with in fewer than 15 minutes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kristensen, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I want to offer a couple of observations about consent calendar, since that issue was brought up, and this rule does give the Speaker a lot of responsibilities to carry those out. And if the rule is invoked, obviously, the Speaker is going to carry out those obligations and those duties. Last year, on at least a half dozen occasions, I offered individuals the opportunity for structured debate and people didn't take me up on that or didn't feel that that was something they wanted to do, for whatever reason. But I...this morning is the opportunity and the debate is of such a nature that I think we're in a fairly constructive mode here that consent calendar, at least the first time around in a long session, offers a good tool for management of bills. Where we get into trouble is the second, the third rounds of consent calendar, we get into trouble with consent calendars in the short sessions when people see that those are the only opportunities, those are the opportunities to load bills up to get stuff run through, and, inevitably, that later consent calendars always produce results that we regret at some point in time. I don't know that that's...I am not saying we're immune to it in the first time of a consent calendar, but, generally, well selected bills, and people like Senator Wickersham, he never gets bills on consent calendar anyway, so he doesn't have to worry about those sorts