

considering the rules change that would prohibit this type of activity unless at least four-fifths or two-thirds, whichever, at least minimum of 33 of the members would have to vote to put a bill in that had...or an item in that had appeared at some other time as a bill. It's necessary that we retain, I think, the ability to amend issues on Final Reading for the purposes of correction for changes that are not apparent to it at the time, but when we bring whole bills in that had some opportunity at other times, simply because this is our established process, I think it's something that's going to prove to be overburdensome for our system if we continue this into the future years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. I wish Senator Wickersham were right, I've got a bill on Final Reading that's got 21 amendments on it. I wish this were not the normal practice for purposes of dealing with things, but I can remember many a bill that we returned from Final Reading, especially in the last week of the session where we've had to do specific amendments, maybe not ones that were as substantive as the ones that have been placed into LB 839 but it's not a new process by any stretch of the imagination. It has been a viable option whether exercised or not, just as the debate on Select File is not one that through the process that we presently have of voicing those bills over is not always exercised unless the bill happens to be one of some controversy or one that has the...an amendment pending. It is clearly three stages of debate is how the Constitution reads for purposes of this Legislature and how we address legislation. Final Reading is a stage of debate. Whether or not amendments are adopted is not an issue. The fact of the matter is the Legislature has the power and the ability and each member has the authority to offer amendments to a bill that happens to be sitting on Final Reading and I'm looking forward to...well, not looking forward but I'm going to be dealing with a bill that's on Final Reading that has a number of amendments pending to it, but that's the way the process is structured and I don't see that the process we've gone through on this bill is one that is by any means new, let alone unique, to LB 839E. I would urge you to reject the motion to indefinitely postpone and to advance the bill to E & R for engrossing.