

volume at the beginning of a session, you'd have to have a vote on each one to do so. And if the bill is not finally read, then a summary would be presented prior to the taking of a final vote. By rules we would determine what "presented" would mean, and by rule you would determine, in the manner the summary is prepared, who prepares it. There are issues, there are certainly legitimate staff issues there about who would do this and why, and that's something that we can look at doing. I do think this gives us the flexibility. It still accomplishes some of the things that I would like to do with it. I had a group of fourth graders today, and I spent a good share of my half hour with them defending what we do on Final Reading. And they all kind of shake their head, and either I can't defend it very well, or they were awfully perceptive and no matter what I was telling them wasn't going to stick. I don't intend this to be a long debate, unless people do want to spend some time with it. There were other amendments to follow. I have given this to some of the people who have expressed some concern in the past about what we were doing to Final Reading. But, quite frankly, if you're into slowing up the Legislature, believe me, you have witnessed this session many other techniques for slowing up the Legislature that has absolutely nothing to do with Final Reading. That will occur. This Legislature will debate as long as it wants to on the issues that it wants to, and it will do the things that it wants to do. It may not do them in the way that you like them to be done, but the Legislature does, as an institution, have a way of making the system work. Final Reading inhibits that flexibility of the way we manage that legislation. By doing this, by having three-fifths of a vote of the elected members, 30 votes on an individual bill, that is not an easy thing to do. I would imagine you'll read a lot more things on Final Reading, because of that you will be able to develop your own policies and philosophy of do we do that. I would imagine on longer bills, like the election bill, the bill of Senator Chambers, that those would be appropriate bills where you don't spend three to four hours reading a bill. And if you need those three to four hours, there are other ways to garner it. I would suggest that we adopt this amendment. I thank Senator Lindsay for the opportunity to substitute. Would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the