

before the body is the adoption of the Kristensen amendment to the Kristensen amendment to LR 15. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. Senator Chambers, on the now Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I will be very brief and won't speak again, unless something is said which I would feel a need to try to counter. I have opposed doing away with Final Reading, I oppose it now. I see a value in it, it has been a value to me. And so that people understand what I have tried to say in the past, I want to make it clear that when the Clerk, or the Assistant Clerk, or another person is reading a bill and reading very rapidly, I am not listening to what they are saying as the means by which I determine what's in the bill. I read it at my own pace, and I go to those parts of it which I feel need to be reviewed by me to be certain that I understand them. So I hope nobody will stand up and say, well you can't even understand what the Clerk is saying. I'm not attempting to, I'm using that time for my purposes to deal with the bill that is before me or other bills. I have found it to be valuable. I know that sometimes we want to hasten the process, but consider the way this session has gone when some people feel that it's...the body has been held hostage and all these other things, bills have been extensively amended, they have been modified, and they have been advanced. And as Senator Speaker pointed out, the most controversial thing before us is whether we'll deal with overrides today or tomorrow, which means that heat has been dissipated, the major actions, the major bills have been acted on or will be acted on. So, even having Final Reading as we currently have it, even with all the fractious debate that we have had, the work of this session has been done as it always will be done. Even when the momentary periods of panic come, even when it seems like there is more chaos here than existed before the Lord stepped out on nothing and said, let there be light, and there was light. See, I know about those things, Senator Kristensen, I was there. (Laugh.) Anyway, Final Reading, if it consisted only of the reading by the Clerk might be justifiably attacked in the way that people attack it. But all of us have our reasons for legislating in the way that we do, making use of the time in the