

also seen changes occur in this body, a number of them, which in time, with ease you get from point A to point Z over a period of ten years that you'd never make in one year. And I guess I have some reservations yet that if we once start this route, even a bill at a time, in time the easy thing to do...well, we will only do this for bills over two hundred pages, then it will be a hundred, then fifty. The auction will go down to five, and two, and so I have a real concern about it. But I freely admit we spend a lot of time on a long bill that could be better used, I have no quarrel with that. But I hope, if this approved, that it will be used sparingly and appropriately, and not deny future members of the Legislature those few minutes it takes to read a short, a shorter bill to really explore your own conscience if this is good or bad public policy and not be forced to push buttons as fast as the Clerk can read numbers, because that's not going to give you the time to reflect.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: I just rise, Madam President, I just rise in support of this. After listening to the debate and the decision we made on this, I think, it's a very good compromise. And I understand what Senator Chambers said and Senator Warner. I know the importance of tradition, I like it myself. But I think in the interest of a little bit more efficient system here I think this is a good compromise and I think it will work fine, I hope you support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I apologize for prolonging this, but I thought maybe I'd share with people what I just looked up in the rules and our process. If this amendment is adopted, and if LR 15 goes on to the voters, and if the voters approve it, we'll come back next session, we'll have to deal with our rules to change that. Our current rules, Rule 6, Section 8 does, in fact, say on Final Reading the bill shall be read at large with all amendments thereto before the vote is taken. So, it will require an affirmative vote of this member...of the Rules Committee and of this membership to change that, even if the constitutional amendment is changed. So, we will have the opportunity. I'm cognizant of Senator Warner's concern about over the years the compromise nature of this being taken away to the point where on all measures we take a simple suspension of the rules motion, like we did today, to read the bills that were