

either. There are some imaginative people, there are some wonderful people in this Legislature, in fact the majority who have the skills and ability, through the rules, or through debate to make us take the time and consider it. You've seen it done all session. I think now is the time to do this, to put it to the voters. The fact that it's not been rejected...or that it hasn't been accepted by the voters in the past is due in large part because they were outright repeals. I suggest to you that using these...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...thirty votes is going to make it a lot harder to get rid of Final Reading, and in fact there's going to be several bills that at this point in time you don't want to do and don't want to get rid of Final Reading, but it doesn't have anything to do with those of you who support that not having some respect for the system, because the system will only work as good as we are. And if we don't take the time and the discipline to decide how we're going to vote, there isn't much reason to have a system at that point in time. I suggest to you that through our own rules we can do that. We should explore giving ourselves some time to vote. Just because it's in the constitution doesn't mean you have to do away with Final Reading on any bill either, but it gives you the flexibility to do so. This Legislature needs the flexibility because as you approach problems in the future that are going to be more complex you're going to need more flexibility, not to tie your hands more. I appreciate your patience. I would again tell you that this is not the green copy, this says all bills will be read in Final Reading unless thirty people in here vote affirmatively on that bill not to do so. I urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Question before the body is the adoption...The question before the body is the adoption of the Kristensen amendment to LR 15. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Kristensen amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.