

suspend the rules to allow the consideration of this bill to be finally read today. I would hope that your view on the merits of the constitutional amendment wouldn't discolor your view on the suspension of the rules. At this point in time, if we are going to have...if we are going to allow the consideration of it, vote red on it if you don't like the constitutional amendment. I would hope that you would allow us to suspend the rule on the layover. It is done in rare occasions, as I stated again, back in 1984, we did it in special session. In fact, there aren't as many members here as there were in 1984, I guess, looking through the list, but certainly a number of people who were here voted at that time to suspend those rules to allow the consideration of doing that. If you do that, we'll then be taking that step towards placing the amendment on the November ballot. For your review, that has been tried three times since 1970, each time getting a little closer to allowing the doing away with Final Reading, the last time being a rather close vote. I would think the thing that would sell it probably most this time would be the provision that you are not doing absolutely away with Final Reading. What you are doing is allowing for Final Reading to be held except if there was a vote of three-fifths of the elected members of the body. Those three-fifths, of course, we can do it by rule. I tend to think that what you'd do is an individual bill comes before the body you would have that vote to do that. I know there are people who want to have summaries, there are those that don't want to have summaries. Upon our debate the other day, certainly, maybe on certain issues or certain circumstances allowing for a time to enter your vote. There would also be a time of reflection, if you'd want it to be. Certainly the rapid-fire presentation in passage or rejection of bills may well be unfair, particularly if you have been working late or you are somewhat fatigued, I would imagine that period of reflection would help. For those of us who have offices in the far side of the Capitol, those extra couple of minutes to vote would certainly be appreciated as well. The final item that I want to visit about, of course, is the constitutional provision itself. The addition that I make to the constitution is not one that is particularly wordy. If you read this section on your Final Reading copy today, I think you will see that there is probably a need to rewrite the entire section, because it does...it has been changed a couple of different times. In some places it talks about a bill and all amendments, and other places it only talks about the bill, and in some places it talks about no law. Assuming that all three of those are probably the same but it