

CLERK: Rule changes read.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: The Rules Committee recommended the change of the first section of this rule change which would reduce the number of days of the introduction of bills in the odd numbered year sessions to 10 days. We recommend this to the Legislature.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion? Senator Carpenter.  
Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question of either Senator Carpenter or Senator Duis. Along with this, if it were passed, would there be provisions or is it the intention of the Executive Board to make it possible for Senators to be working with the Bill Drafter's office on getting legislation between the periods of say, May and December? It seems a little unreasonable that we should all come and try to get legislation drafted and be in good order in the last couple of days so if this other provision is allowed some way, then I would heartily endorse it.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator DeCamp, we took this into consideration during the rules change hearings and the Clerk of the Legislature has been instructed to contact the Bill Drafter's office with a letter in which he will request that, the speedup of these legislative bills and we also talked in deference to the new members in the Legislature in the same remarks that we made and would be made to the Bill Drafter's office that the new members of the Legislature would be able to get bills drafted as soon as they were elected in November rather than after they received the certificate and this has all been taken into consideration, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: O.K. As I understand it then, if I came in August 15th and wanted to work with the Bill Drafter on a particular piece of legislation, it could be drafted and available for me to study, let's say by September some time, is that correct?

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I think it has always been this way, Senator DeCamp. It probably has just been the fact that they haven't been so instructed by the Executive Board but we have requested that this be stepped up--we did take this into consideration.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'm going to have to oppose this particular rule change. It seems to me that if we limit ourselves only to 10 days instead of 20, then the people out in the State will not have as great an opportunity as they should to contact their Senator and get the bills introduced in the Legislature. It seems to me that sometimes people out in the State do not wake up to the fact that the Legislature is in session until after we're actually in session, until they start reading the reports in the newspapers and then it sometimes takes 20 days to get a bill in order and so I would have to oppose this. Now, I would go along for reducing the number of bills to 8 bills and still giving us 20 days but it doesn't seem to me that this 20 day limit hurts us at all down here, in fact, in my judgment it helps us because then we don't have to put in quite so many hours a day to get our bills prepared and get them ready.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I'm for the rule, the new rule change but I wish, is it true that on even numbered, we now only have 10