

days? Well, then what's the difference between odd and even. Why not make them both 10? Does the same thing exist on an even session in an odd?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Is that a question?

SENATOR SYAS: That's a question.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, when we carry over the bills, we carry over the bills from the odd numbered year into the even numbered year.

SENATOR SYAS: We can, let's say that--

SENATOR WHITNEY: So we have a lot of bills up there at that time and normally, we wouldn't expect so many bills to be introduced in the even numbered years as we do the odd numbered years. The demand for bills is not as great and therefore, I feel that we could get by with 10 days for the even numbered years but not for the odd numbered years.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Mr. President, I would like to have one answer of somebody. Isn't it true that the last odd, even numbered session, we had more bills introduced than this, the odd numbered session? Is it just the reverse.

SPEAKER: I, I think you're correct; Senator Duis. Maybe Senator Duis would like to comment on this.

SENATOR DUIS: You are correct, Senator Syas and of course, this is just personal observation but since we're meeting annually, we have gotten down more to just the methodical type of business than we did prior to this time and I would hope that this trend might continue. It is very doubtful this time whether or not we'll have any bills left to carry over, at least we would sincerely hope not.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I would like to speak in favor of the rule change. Senator Whitney would unintentionally presume that there is no other method by which bills can be introduced after the 10 days. I'm quite sure that if a member of this body has a bill that has a great deal of importance from the area in which he comes from or statewide importance, for the most part he'll have no trouble getting the bill referred by the Executive Council to a committee to get 5 names on it in order to have the Legislature introduce it. Now, why, why is the reason for the rule change? We know the last time, this time, for example, that there were lots of bills which could have been introduced within 10 days that for whatever the reason might be, they took 20 days. The staff today are always up to date on the request of the Senators, very little time lag at all, they're doing an excellent job down there. What we're trying to do is expedite the members of this body giving the bills to the Clerk so we can get them printed and get them referred to these various committees. The first part of this session I presume we wasted somewhere between two and three weeks because we didn't have anything to do. This probably won't help that much but it ought to accelerate it to the point of getting something done. Now just remember, this body made a great step forward in my judgment this time. We only have half the bills introduced that were introduced two years ago. For example, a year ago I had 125 bills myself, today 10 and I couldn't farm any of them out. The year before that I had 225 so this is an excellent step forward. We have answered the questions of the people of this State, why so many bills. We have cut them down in half. The 10 rule will only accelerate to the point that the member will give them to the Clerk to have them printed and referred to the committee.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.