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SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't think we have ever done that before have we?

PRESIDENT: Well we have suspended the rules and introduced two or three, that I know of. Excuse me, Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, and members of the legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Barnett a question if he will yield?

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR BARNETT: I'd like to be able to try and answer it too.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: What, why the, so late in the session, and what, why 14 bills, is this a change of the election laws, am I right on this?

SENATOR BARNETT: That's right. I can't answer that question except that I know they have been talking with the committee Chairman, for the last month or two on these bills, and they finally got them ready, that's about the only answer I can give you, if Senator Chambers was here he could answer it probably better.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: It seems that this is a long time to wait before they get the bills ready.

SENATOR BARNETT: I might agree with you.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Alright, Senator Duis, I'll ask you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Hasebroock, maybe I might help just a little bit, I believe it was explained that there were certain bills going through the legislature, that were changing election laws, and you had to wait I think until a lot of these got to a certain place before he could make all of these different bills up, and if I recall correctly last year, the same thing took place, at the very last moment, after all the bills had been heard in committee and such, then the secretary of state, came in with the election law changes, and I think this probably and maybe Senator Luedtke can verify this, I don't like to be out on the limb but I think this is the reason for this, they have to know how many of these things are taking place, such as the bill we passed, you know that didn't allow them to take them off the rolls after two years of voting, and all this and that and the other thing, and consequently he has to get all this together after he has this information, and I think this is the reason for it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: All I can say is prior to this, when the bills, when we opened the session there, these bills have been ready in other sessions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I think Senator Chambers just stepped into the chambers, but I think I can answer. You know we had a, the bill from Senator Stromer, that was amended out here on the floor to change the primary election in off years election, and that's, wasn't disposed of until just last week, I think one day, and that was what was holding up these bills, cause I don't think that the secretary of state could actually guess what committee or the legislature might do in regard to this pending legislation.