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PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, did you care to respond? Or comment?

SENATOR WHITNEY: I'd like to ask Senator Barnett a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett will you yield to another question?

SENATOR BARNETT: I'll attempt to.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Are all of these bills from the secretary of state's office and all of them exclusively election law bills?

SENATOR BARNETT: That's the way I understand it. You can ask Senator Chambers, he is in the chambers now.

SENATOR WHITNEY: If Senator Chambers would yield I just want to know if there is any sleepers in these bills?

SENATOR BARNETT: You want to know if there is any sleepers?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yeah.

SENATOR BARNETT: Let Senator Chambers answer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers do you care to respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the legislature, you can see the volume of those bills, I haven't reviewed them or read them, I don't know what's in them, somebody even said that there may be a provision that would declare me the President of the United States, which I wouldn't object to, even though I know it wouldn't be effective, but as far as I'm concerned the bills don't have to be introduced, the man asked could they come through this committee, I said committees introduce bills, so give them to me and I'll submit them to the legislature. So if they don't get the 30 votes, to suspend the rules, the bills won't be introduced. As far as I'm concerned, I don't care, they can burn them up if they want to, I can't answer questions about what they contain because I haven't read them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Chambers, did secretary of state Beerman ask you to introduce these bills?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes he said he talked to county, city and all kinds of officials at all levels of the political sub division that they all agree, now some of you know the secretary of state better than I do, if you trust him, you'll introduce the bills, if you don't trust him you will vote accordingly, but I can't say what is in his mind, nor can I say what is in those bills, there is really no questions I can answer.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, well the reason why I asked that question was that I found a sleeper one time in a bill where we put five bills in, and I just was kinda wondering, but you have my vote, I trust the secretary of state 100%.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney. Still speaking on the motion to suspend the rules and introduce 14 bills.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President I ask to have just this one minute to tell you that it was from the secretary of state's office that the sleeper came, and it worked against the people right in here of this body, there was some of these people here in a voluminous and they used that term voluminous election laws, everybody yelled question and they passed this thing, and before you know it, something, some of these people in here wanted to have reserved and stay for their own rights, we just knocked it right out and went home three months later and we