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that what do you have these rules for, we suspend them every day anyway so I think I'll propose a rule that says we suspend the rules every day the first thing in the morning and take off. I think these rules are very necessary Mr. President and I said that in jest, but I tell you get frankly-- it does get a little frustrating, we have these hearings. They're announced in plenty of time and we have absolutely no opposition to these rule changes in there and we get out on the floor and we get into a TV camera expo here that you wouldn't believe. The next rule change is one that I hope won't have any controversy. We have had some difficulty in regard to the resolution so, if you will, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The next rule change would amend Rule 4, Section 2 and all it would do is insert in the resolution section, the present one reads (read).

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the rule change. This was merely put in there in order to clarify this rule so that the resolution could be acted on as a bill when it memorializes Congress to make a constitutional amendment whether the exception or the rejection and I'd ask for the adoption.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I'm going to say I'm for the--I'm going to support this but I want to say this; and it's the only chance I'm going to have an opportunity to get something that I've been very upset about and bothers me, off my chest and that is; we've had the rest of this rule in there for I don't know how long and we never observe it. We didn't observe it this session when--on the ERA for instance, Senator Proud. We suspend the rules and didn't do it like a bill. We're doing that all the time. It's in the rules, but we suspend the rule so when you put this in there, realize you're putting it in but it means not a darned thing because we're going to suspend the rules on resolutions anyhow, that is, most of you are. You're not going to handle them like a bill and that's the sad part of this Legislature that, when we get in a hurry, some of you do, you'll do anything to keep a constitutional amendment from being handled as a bill. I think it's deplorable.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHRMER: I have a question for Senator Syas. Did he not ask for unanimous consent today to have a resolution offered that we could take up immediately?

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, but that had nothing to do with the constitution, you see, this doesn't apply to that type of thing. Constitutional, it says constitutional amendment for memorializing Congress to do something. This was just a simple little thing for a person that's a hundred and some years old, had nothing to do with the constitution. Probably Senator Stahmer, though, you wouldn't know the difference.

PRESIDENT: Well, steady--Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I was just going to say this--

(End of Belt #7)