

SENATOR DUIS: You would, you--

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: --reading and passing the original bill without the A bill right now.

SENATOR DUIS: You would, of necessity, have to suspend this rule so that the A bill is not to be read on final reading.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I don't understand why you're say--

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Senator Cavanaugh, I'm not an attorney but I read this sentence that the A bill shall be read and voted on for final passage. When the, when the bill is read on final reading, then the A bill shall be read.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay then, that would lead to a second question. The motion that we're operating under prohibiting A bills being--does that supersede this rule?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, that's, the point here is this motion was made in the Legislature which said that no bill would be read on final reading until such a time--rather that had a fiscal impact. That, that's, that --rule, that is a motion in the Legislature.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: But on what basis, on what basis, Senator Duis, does that supersede this ruling in our rules?

SENATOR DUIS: This ruling here, see, does not, does not have anything to do with the fact that the original bill shall be read. It's merely that the A bill shall be read. Now the ruling that was made here--I mean the motion that was made here in the Legislature did not say the A bill. It merely said and the Legislature passed a motion which said those bills which have a fiscal impact would not be read on final reading. I think you have to divide this sentence that we're reading here right now and I, I think that the, the motion that was made here was perfectly alright because it was on the original bill, not on the A bill. Now this rule does not say that any bill shall be read on final reading. It merely says that when a bill is read on final reading, that has an A bill, then the A bill shall be read.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay. Where in our rules does the motion that prohibits the reading of bills with fiscal impact--where does that motion from our rules supersede the rules under which we operate?

SENATOR DUIS: Well, you had a motion, we have no rule that said all bills shall be read on final reading. What we have is a rule that says when a bill is read on final reading that has an A bill, the A bill shall be read.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay. So why can't we read the bill?

SENATOR DUIS: Because you can read the bill but this--if you'll read this, it says here, a bill advanced to final reading, the authorization--authorization bill shall be considered as if it should be passed on final reading, the A bill shall be read.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Uh huh.

SENATOR DUIS: And if you can't read the first one, you sure can't read the second one because we have a motion that was passed in this Legislature that said a bill that has a fiscal impact would not be read on final reading.