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here that precludes after the ten-day limit and the Chair would accept your observations, but the Chair also feels that the original motion that the body made was not to allow after the ten day limit and unlimited amount of bills to be introduced by a Senator after that particular time. I would feel that if you wanted to put it to a vote of the Legislature I would be glad to rule that way and then someone can challenge the Chair if they care, and it's no affront to me at all.

SENATOR SYAS: Alright, I'll challenge the rule of the Chair simply to bring this thing to a head so we'll settle it.

PRESIDENT: Now wait, before we do that let's do it this way. Then the Chair is going to rule that under the rules of the Legislature as the Chair understands them at the present time, no individual Senator is allowed to introduce more than ten bills except by the specific conditions of suspending the rules, that's possible if you want to suspend the rules, fine. But under the conditions as layed down in the rules at the present time. Now does anybody want to speak to that. Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Well, Mr. President. Again to clarify a rule and this is again a personal interpretation I guess, but page 24 rule 5 subsection D. In regular sessions, each member shall be limited as an introducer or co-introducer to a total of ten bills for the period of introduction of bills by individual members. So I think that only, as I interpret it, only goes for the ten day period in which we have self imposed upon ourselves in order to limit the introduction of the bills, but I would interpret that farther then, further if I will, to mean that with the suspension of the rules, or unanimous consent, I guess we can't say unanimous consent, but with suspension of the rules and a machine vote that a person could be allowed to take over another bill. As I interpret the rule as only binding for the ten day self-imposed period for bill introduction by individual members.

PRESIDENT: And that's the rule that's under question and the Chair is interpreting that to mean that the ten days is final and I'm ruling as conservative as I feel the rules probably mean, but that's fine. The Chair has no objections to someone suspending the rules and introducing another bill. That's up to the body here, but at the present time that's the way the Chair has ruled. Now, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I think the difference is were it between an individual and an individual gets five names of a committee to introduce the bill. As liberal as I am I would hope we would not permit any Senator to promiscuously upon his own name, one name, attempt to introduce a bill by the suspension of the rules. I would think that the presiding offers are correct that there is a distinction between the individual and a group of individuals on a committee which compose of a majority of the members on the committee. In that case, yes. In the case of the individual, no and I would hope that this body will sustain the Chair with that understanding.

PRESIDENT: Now, is there any further discussion. I wonder if you all understand the issue. Senator Syas, go ahead.