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it is inconsistent with some of your other rulings.

PRESIDENT: Well Senator Syas the only comment that the Chair would have is that would you please get your rulebook, look on page 40, look at the top of page 40 and then if I am inconsistent, then fine, then I would suggest that you challenge the Chair's ruling. Well fine then, the Chair is only flying by the rules that this Legislature sets and I would advise you that as you know I am from the Executive Branch of government and I am here as your leader and I am trying to help, I am not trying to be part of the problem, believe me, what does the rules say Senator?

SENATOR SYAS: Well as I say, even go back to yesterday, it says that in regular session that each member shall be limited as an introducer or a co-introducer to a total of ten bills for the period of introduction of bills by individual members. That period has gone by, your ruling yesterday for instance was that noone could take over a bill.

PRESIDENT: Check.

SENATOR SYAS: And which I don't read that, your ruling is consistent with rule 5 but naturally when I asked, I had lost it, it is the same.

PRESIDENT: Well Senator Syas, the Chair is only going to observe that I think I understand the jest of the rules however and I think that I understand what the Legislature meant when they wrote that regardless of what was in the book and I only went by what I think and apparently I was sustained in what I think in regards to the introduction of the bills and at any time you can get up, you know, and you know that you can suspend the rules.

SENATOR SYAS: Wait a minute, all I am saying is that I would like to have consistency on the rules when they are interpreted.

PRESIDENT: Alright but this morning I told you that the rule that applied to this particular action is found on page 40 and I asked you to read the rule. I would like to have you read it to the body, and if there is some question at this time on how I have ruled then fine

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then please challenge the Chair.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I think that Senator Murphy had already covered it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Senator Murphy?

SENATOR MURPHY: I am sorry, but I do raise the question, did we actually vote on Final Reading on this bill? Did it lack a constitutional majority or was it brought back before we voted?

PRESIDENT: Yes it lacked a constitutional majority as the Chair recalls. It failed on Final Reading.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now are we clear? I shouldn't have asked that. Alright, let's move on to the consideration of bills on General File. The last time the Chair moderated General File, we were at LR941, Senator