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of democracy. I don't think anybody should have the right to put the rule, and I'm not talking about Senator Proud to the point we don't..can't do something about it. I think the unanimous consent is more restrictive than 25 votes. No why do I say that? Because any Senator can say, he can object. And expedite the business if he doesn't object. But any Senator certainly would not feel hesitant to object to anything he was in disagreement with of, insofar as expediting the business. Now I've only did these things because, I have a desire to do it. I attempt to expedite the business in order to, as I said to complete what we can. Now if the body wants to adopt these rules, I'll quit, let someone else attempt to expedite the business, if that's what you want. And if that's what you want don't complain when you get up here on the 22nd day because there is going to be a lot of bills up that ought to be passed that won't be passed. Now it's fine to have the rules, but it's more..it's better from a stand point of just good sound judgement to make them pliable. To make them plastic. They're not rules to fit everything. But I have no objections, Senator Proud, if that's what you want to do I will comply as a member of this body, with only one vote. I just want to call your attention, if you do comply to it, you're not going to make much progress.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: Well, Mr. President, in addition to designated.. Senator Carpenter. . . to act when I'm gone, I designate all of you to act when I'm gone and to stand up without fear and object when you think the business is being overly expedited, of course Senator Carpenter has a point, of expediting business, but I have a point too. His point is to expedite. My point will be to slow it down.

PRESIDENT: The Chair wonders if perhaps some of this reaction might have been triggered by the fiscal discussion that we had yesterday. And I did want to mention to you that I found myself in kind of a tight place because there really is no place in the agenda for just plain discussion. There seems to me that after the introduction of the fiscal bills that that was the place and time where the fiscal discussion could take place that Senator Marvel had asked for. So I would just mention that if that is the cause of this reaction that the Chair takes the blame for part of that but other than that the Chair does want to comment that the agenda is up here in front of me and as far as I know we have not varied from that agenda and I will not, as a matter of fact, unless I'm ordered to do so by the Legislature at large.
Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: Mr. President, no my remarks were not triggered, by that at all. IN fact I wasn't even here yesterday, and I didn't even hear about it. My remarks were triggered by observing this body over a period of years and I had hoped that this year we would act a little more responsible in regard to the rules and I'm criticizing myself right along with everybody. And when we go on that agenda like on Select File, for example, and then go on to the next order of business then we come back, as far as I'm concerned that requires a suspension of the rules because the rules set out that agenda.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Just one further word of expression, and I'll sit down. The rules indicate that one Senator can object on General File and then the bill has to be read in it's entirety.