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fortunately not all were able to make it.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: Were they asked to attend?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I'm not sure that all....I didn't make the invitations out so I'm not sure how many did or did not or how many were invited. But I know that those that were invited, several of them did not get to attend. That's unfortunate.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: Well, at those meetings if I may, Mr. Chairman.....

PRESIDENT: Briefly.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: At those meetings this bill was explained to those who did attend section by section, correct? And I think that you have passed around, did all of the senators get this, Senator Luedtke? This in my opinion is a copy of what those meetings had. It's a complete explanation. Now I realize that the explanation is as hard to understand as the bill itself maybe. But I think the information is there and I am sympathetic to Senator Syas but I'm also sympathetic to our rules. And I know this is an important piece of legislation but I'm reluctant to go the suspension of the rule route unless it's absolutely necessary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I'd like to make myself perfectly clear. I think I've been misunderstood and misrepresented and a few other things this morning. I am unfortunately or fortunately or whichever way you would like to call it, am chairman of the Rules Committee. And my purpose this morning in bringing forth my thought was to avail every member of this Legislature the rule contained on page 28, section 2 of your rules manual. Too many times when things are of this type of discussion we have people come to me after it's over with and say why didn't you do something? I did something this morning, now, I had one good senator, a great friend of mine, come to me and he said, you're trying to kill the bill. No, I'm not trying to kill the bill. I'm trying to avail the legislators here with the thought that if they so desire and we long ago forgave the practice of reading a bill on General File and they have the possibility of availing themselves. Now, Senator Syas has been here a long time and he had a whale of a good point when he was asking to suspend the rules and I think Senator Syas had no intention of letting them go as long as he wanted to. I think what he wanted to do was suspend the 10-minute rule to let the Chair have the discretion as to how this should proceed because I give all due consideration to my good friend, Senator Luedtke, my good friend, Senator Carstens, and anybody else that isn't in the law profession in here. I don't know that they gave a Carsten procrastination in here or not but nevertheless, I explained the rule and I'd like to have it fully understood this way. My thought that I had personally is that I want to understand the bill. I don't have the slightest suspicion whether I'll even vote on General File yet until such a time as they give me a full explanation. Because if Senator Luedtke has given a full explanation of this bill at this point I will not accept it. Because that was just a nice 10-minute speech which a great portion of it was alluding to the great people who had something to do with this. And there are more important features to this bill which I believe he wishes to explain and I think there are